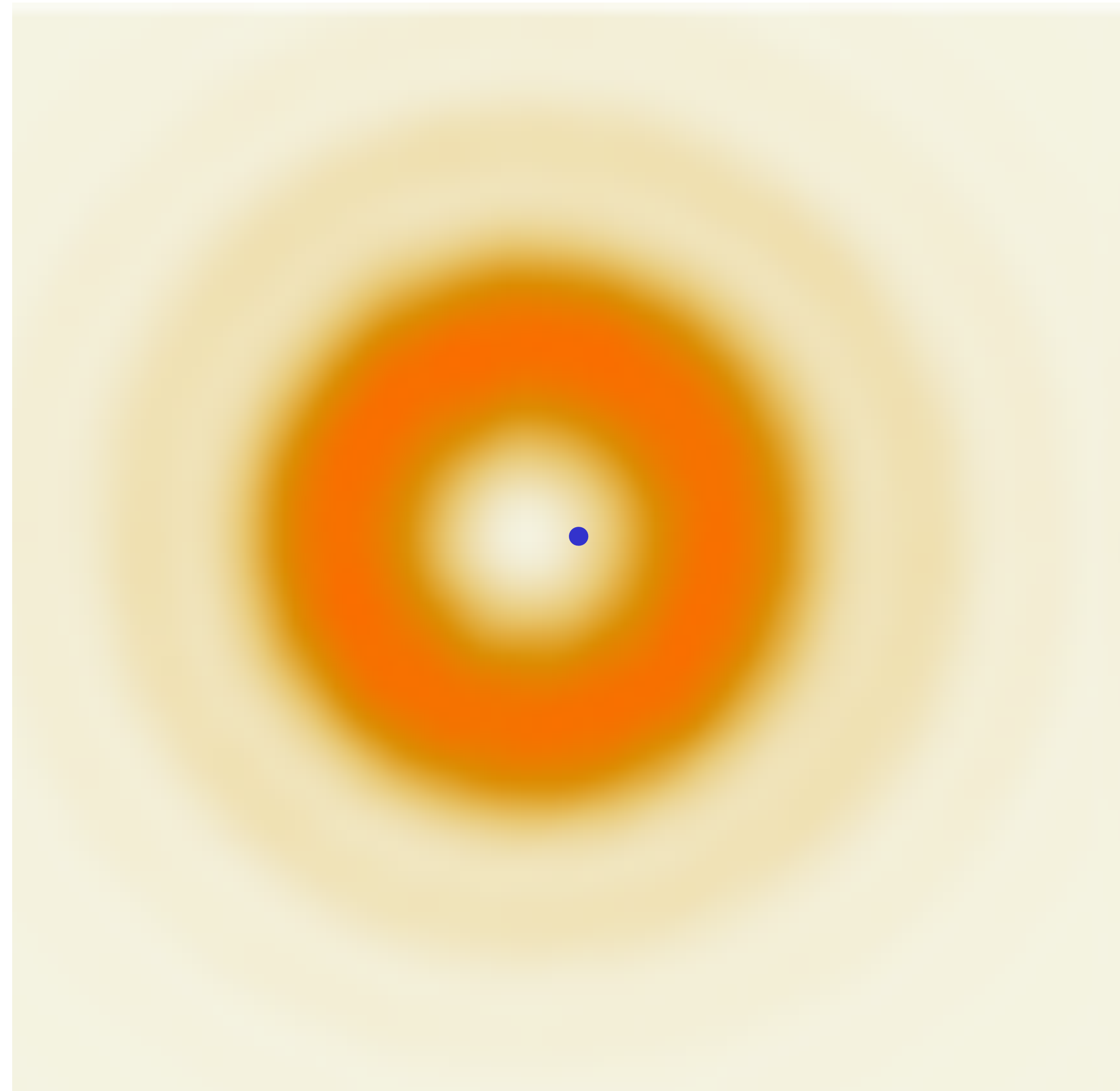


How to twist, turn, and kick ions using structured light



Slides ↓ ↓



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Structure of this course

- 1) Structured light basics
- 2) Structured light and atoms
- 3) Structured light and optical forces

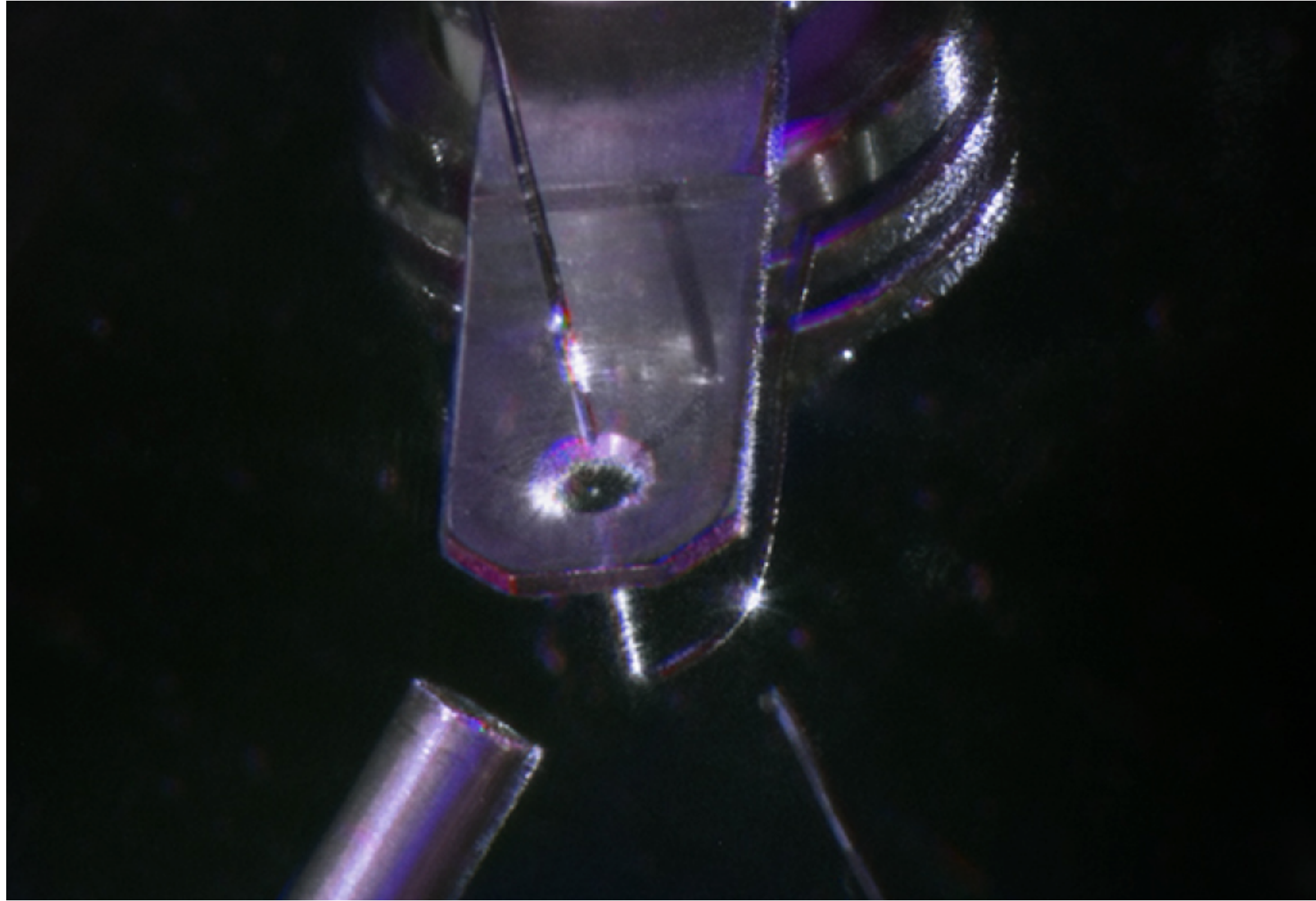
Day Two

Part x

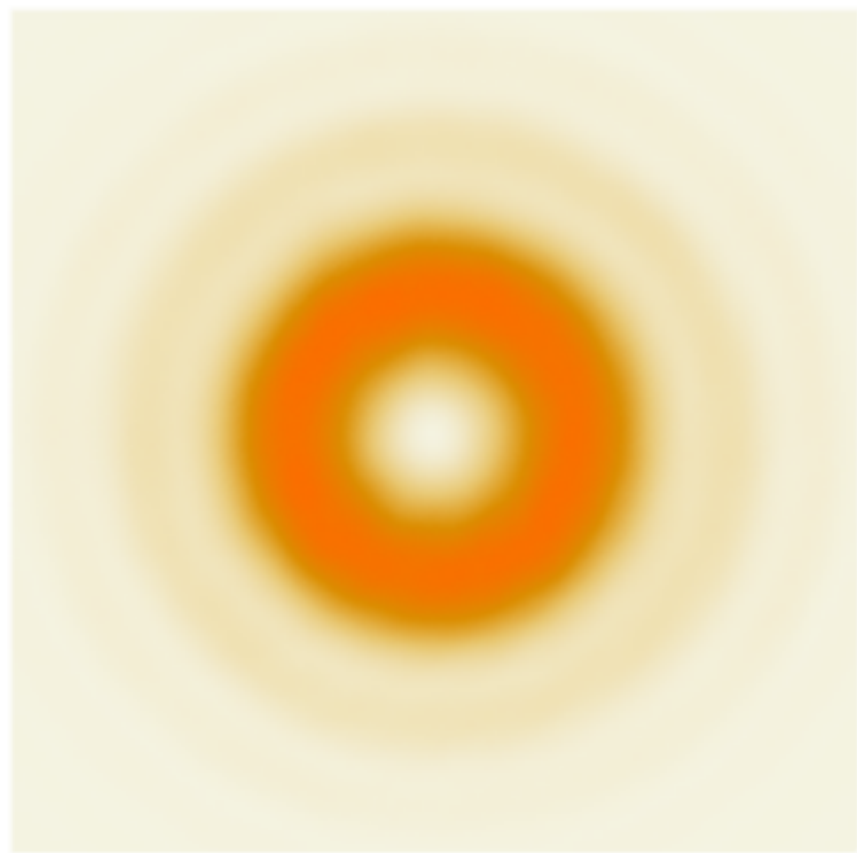
Review Day 1

Dancing in the dark - the Sao Paulo anecdote, ca. 2008

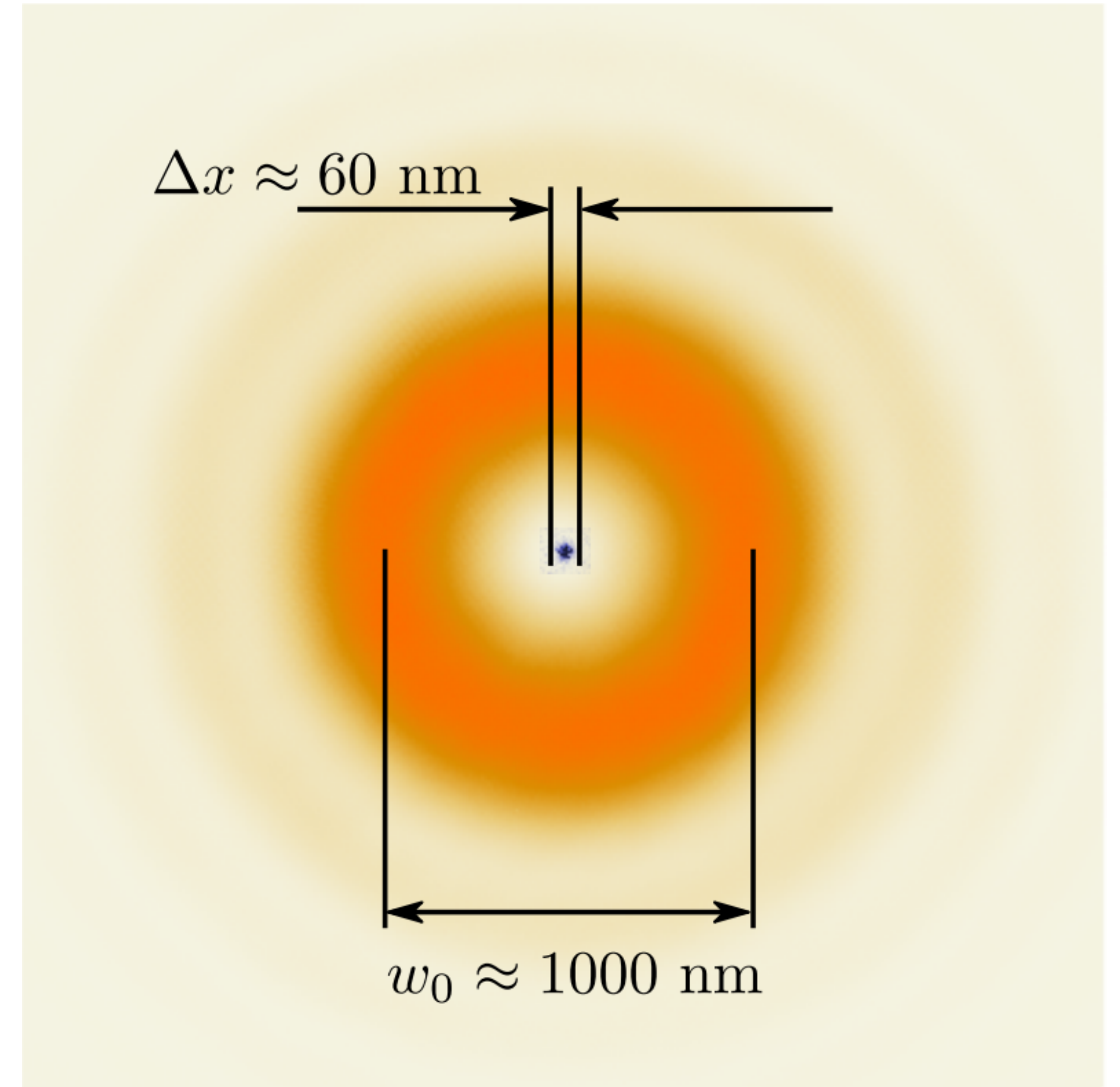
an ion trap



a hollow beam



ion in a beam



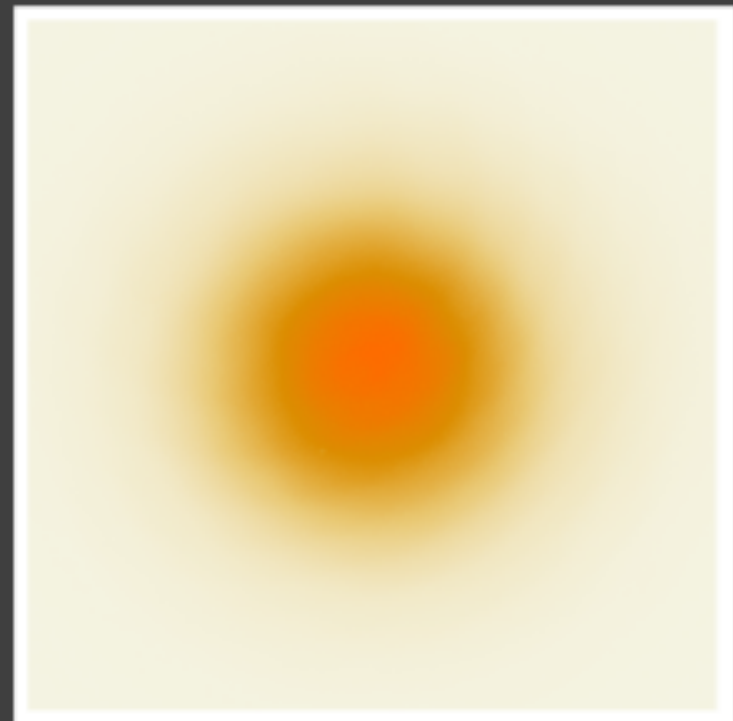
Twisted Light

Light Angular Momentum

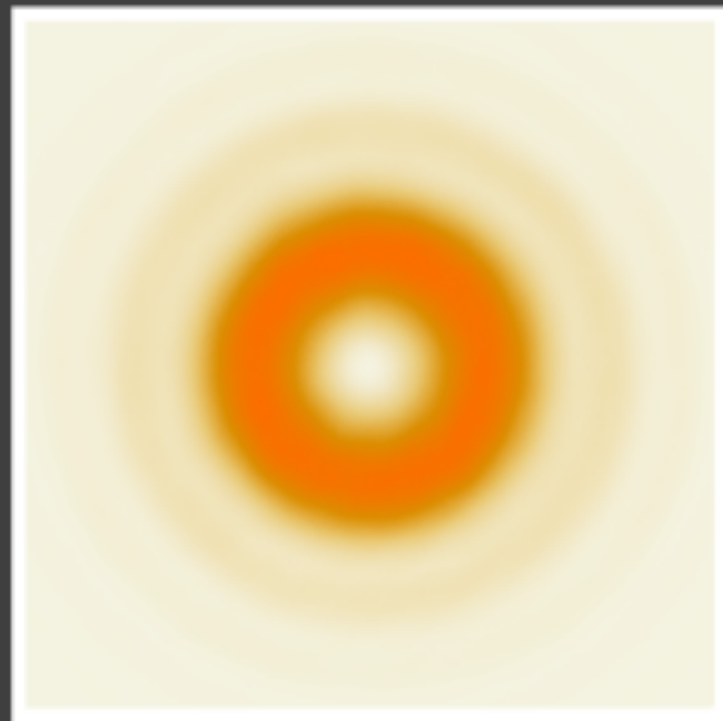
$$A = A_{lp}(\rho, \phi, z) \vec{e} e^{ikz} e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{lp} = \mathbf{A}_0 \frac{w_0}{w(z)} \exp\left(\frac{-\rho^2}{w(z)} + \frac{ik\rho^2}{2R(z)} + i\Phi_g(z)\right)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2p!}{\pi(|l|+p)!}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}\rho}{w(z)}\right)^{|l|} \mathcal{L}_p^{|l|}\left(\frac{2\rho^2}{w^2(z)}\right) \exp(il\phi)$$



$l = 0$



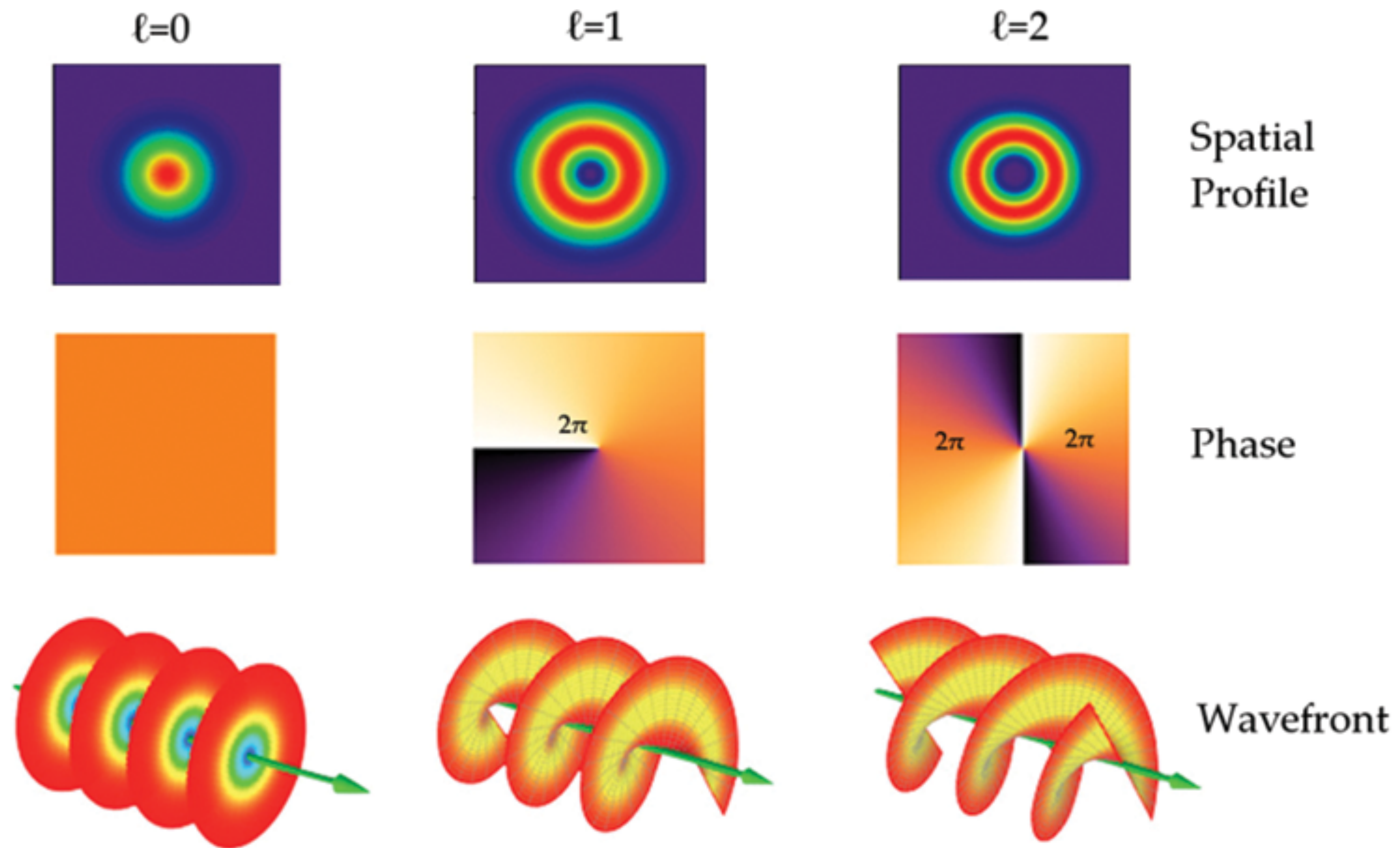
$l = 1$



$l = 2$

$$M_z = \frac{l}{\omega} |u|^2 + \frac{\sigma_z r}{2\omega} \frac{\partial |u|^2}{\partial r} .$$

Twisted Light - spiraling beams



Orbital Angular Momentu - first experiment

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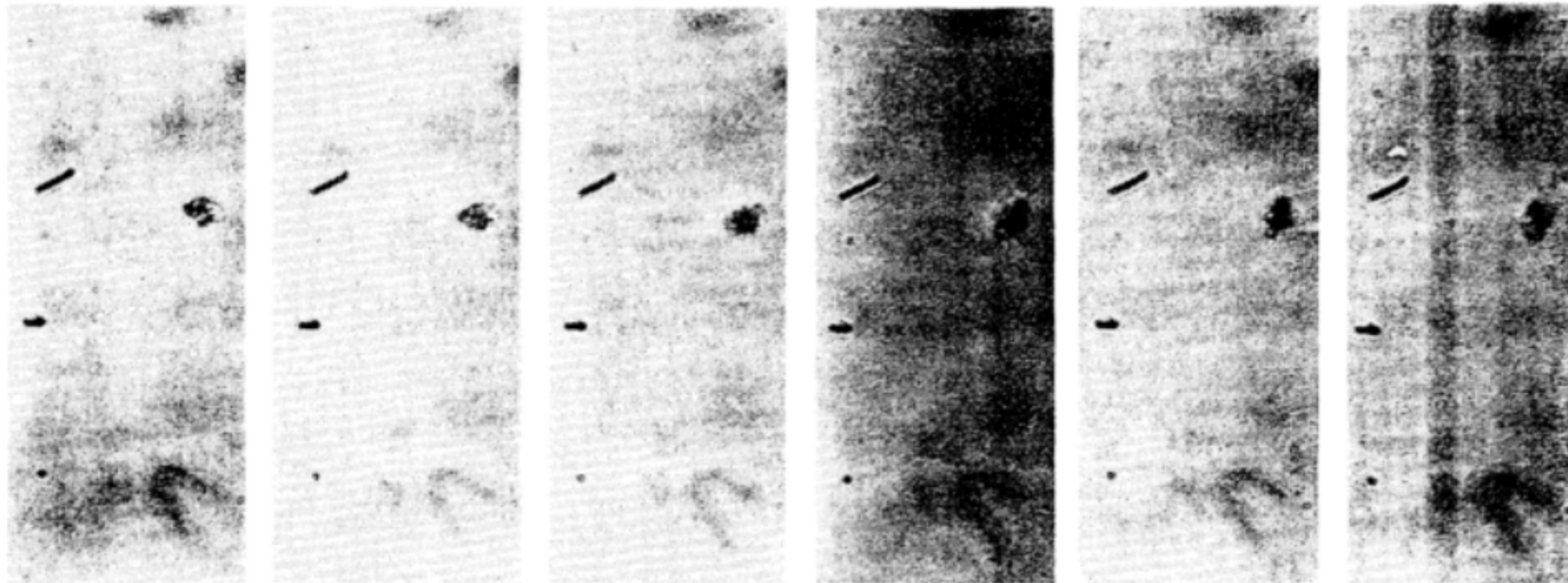
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Direct Observation of Transfer of Angular Momentum to Absorptive Particles from a Laser Beam with a Phase Singularity

H. He, M. E. J. Friese, N. R. Heckenberg, and H. Rubinsztein-Dunlop

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Light-Matter Interaction - a summary

	Atomic Spectroscopy	Mechanical Effects on Matter	Mechanical Effects on Light
Energy - Linear Momentum	✓ Fraunhofer	✓ Radiation Pressure	✓ Refraction
Spin Angular Momentum	✓ Hanle & Bät	✓ Beth	✓ Optical Activity
Orbital Angular Momentum		✓ Rubenstein Dunlop	

Day Two

Part 1

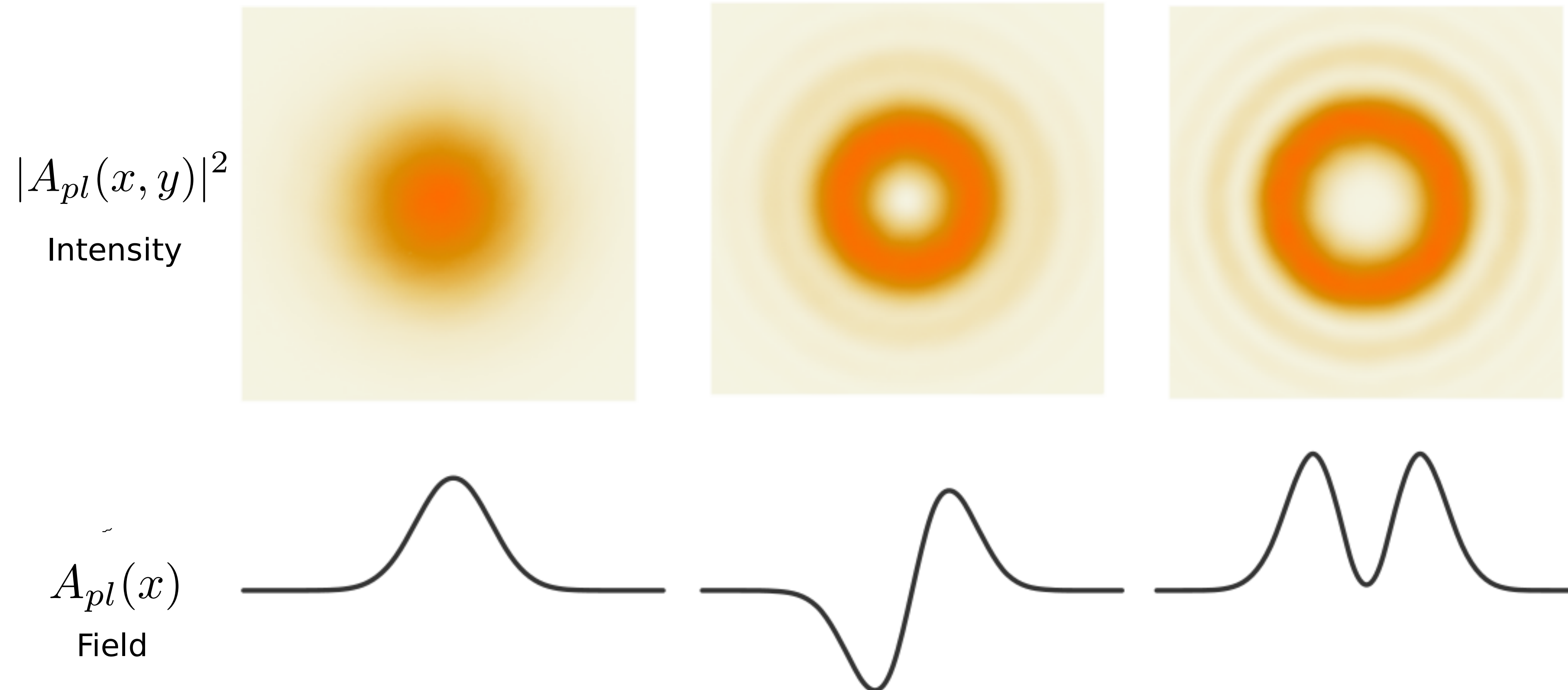
Quadrupole Interactions

Dancing in the dark Structured light beams - Laguerre- Gauss type.

Equation of the LG beams

$$A = A_{lp}(\rho, \phi, z) \vec{\epsilon} e^{ikz} e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{lp} = \mathbf{A}_0 \frac{w_0}{w(z)} \exp\left(\frac{-\rho^2}{w(z)} + \frac{ik\rho^2}{2R(z)} + i\Phi_g(z)\right) \sqrt{\frac{2p!}{\pi(|l|+p)!}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}\rho}{w(z)}\right)^{|l|} \mathcal{L}_p^{|l|}\left(\frac{2\rho^2}{w^2(z)}\right) \exp(il\phi)$$



Dancing in the dark Ferdinand's insight -> Go Quadrupole!

Recap: matrix elements & selection rules

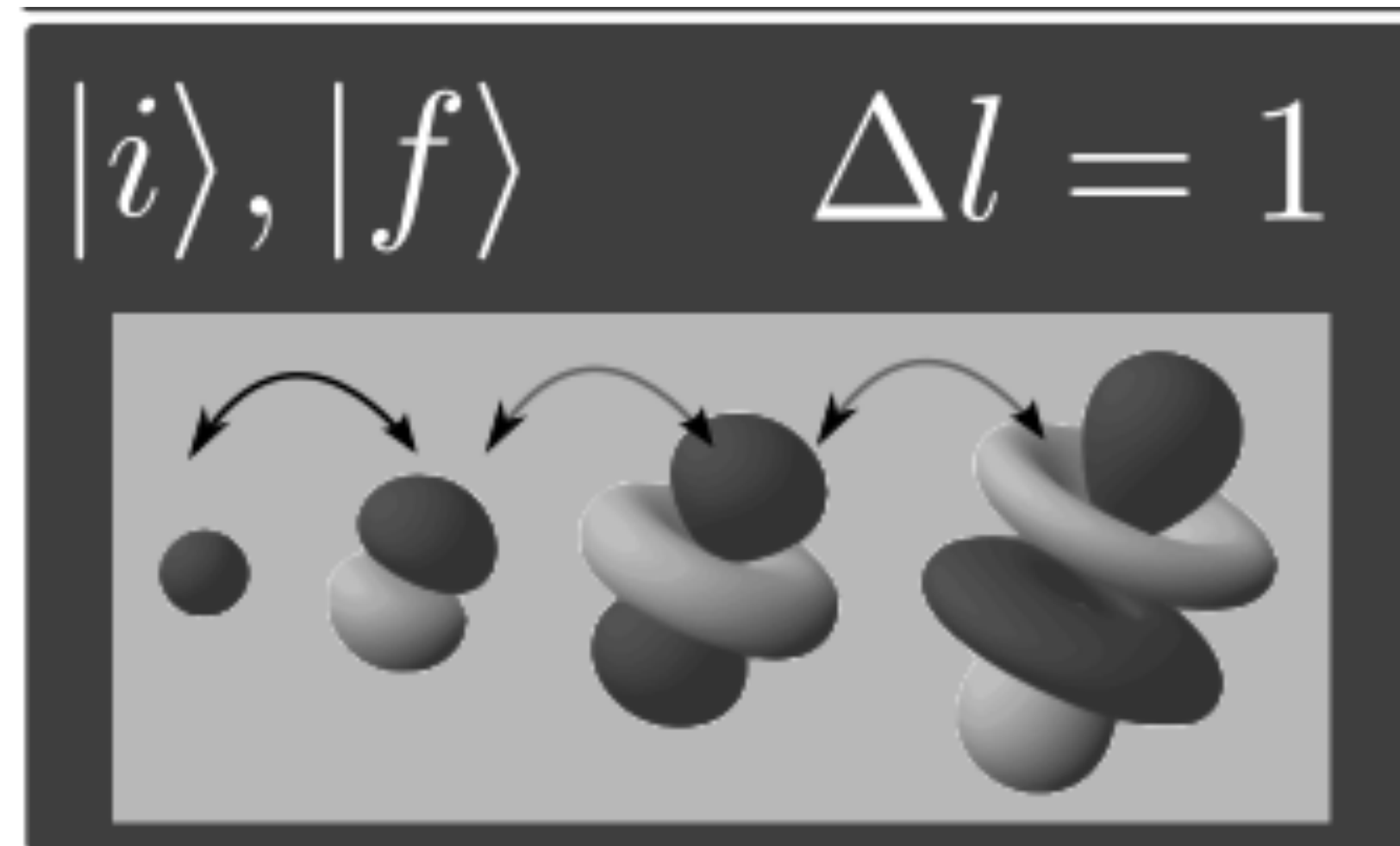
$$\text{Fermi's Golden Rule } \Gamma_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle f | H_{int} | i \rangle|^2 \rho$$

$$\text{Light-Matter Interaction } H_{int} \propto A \cdot p + p \cdot A$$

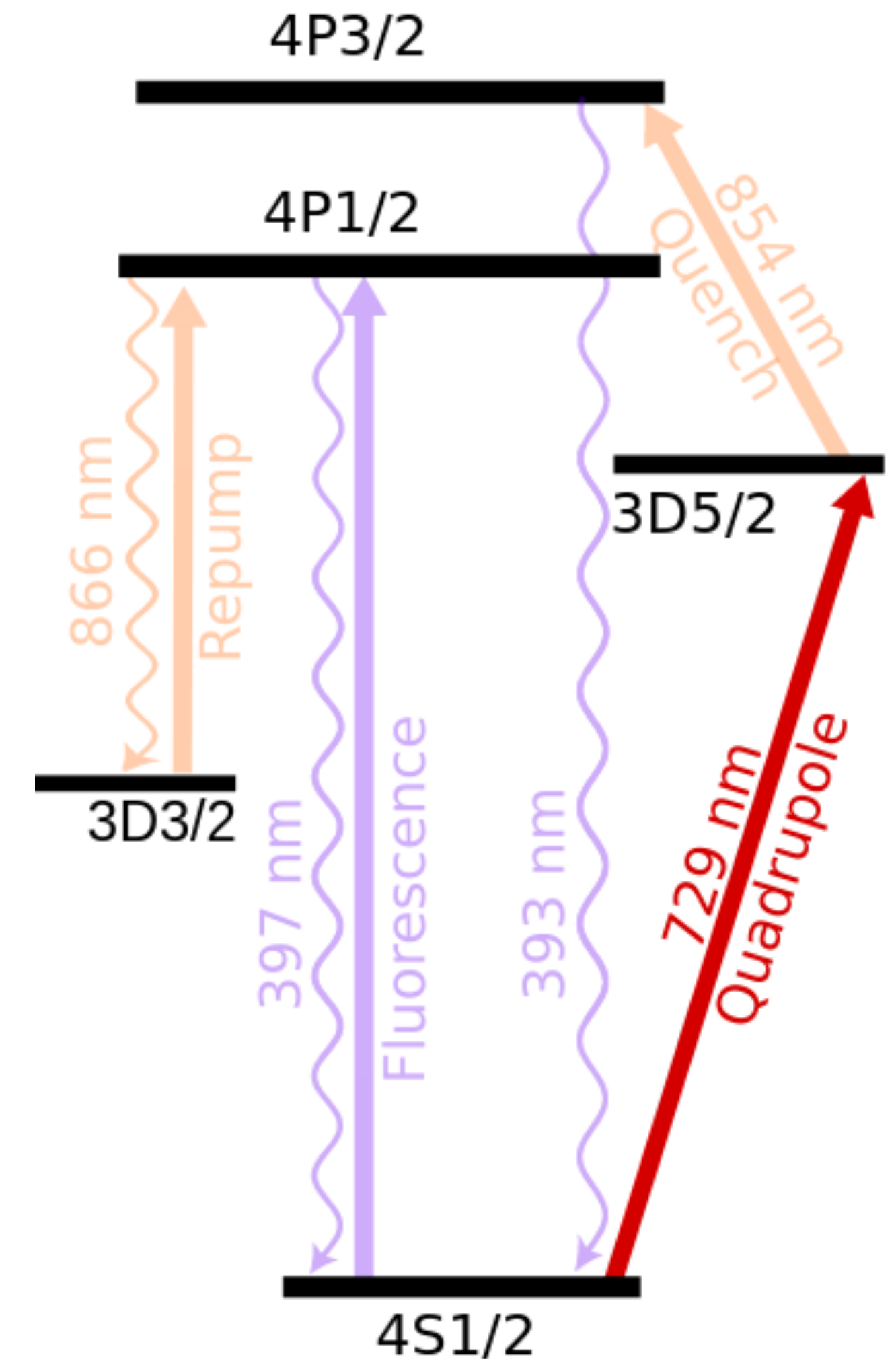
$$\langle f | \mathcal{H}_I | i \rangle \propto \langle f | \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{A} | i \rangle \propto \omega_{fi} \langle f | \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{A} | i \rangle$$

Electric Dipole
oscilating electric field

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{A}_0 \vec{\epsilon} e^{-i\omega t}$$



Calcium ion energy levels



Dancing in the dark Ferdinand's insight -> Go Quadrupole!

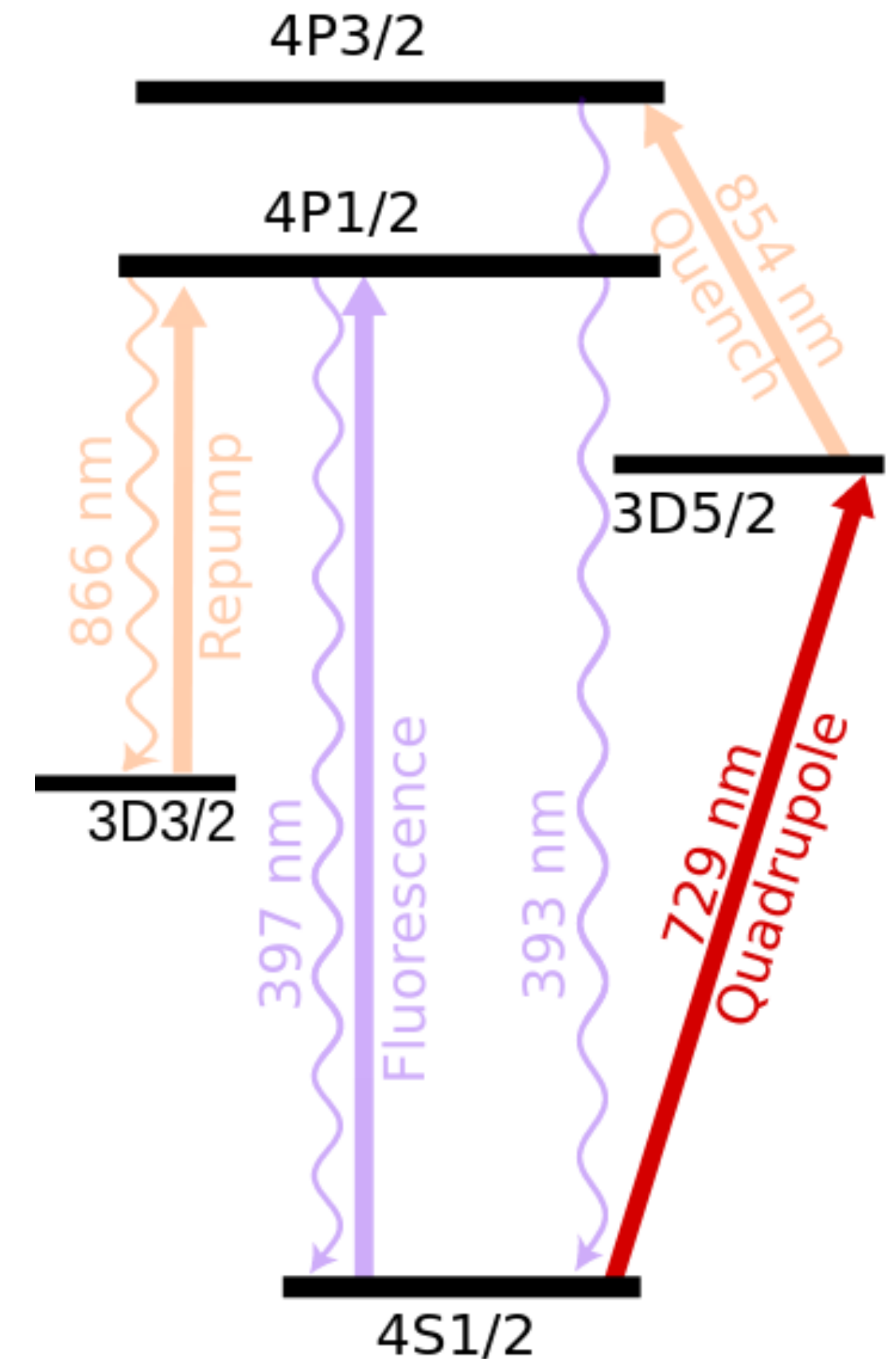
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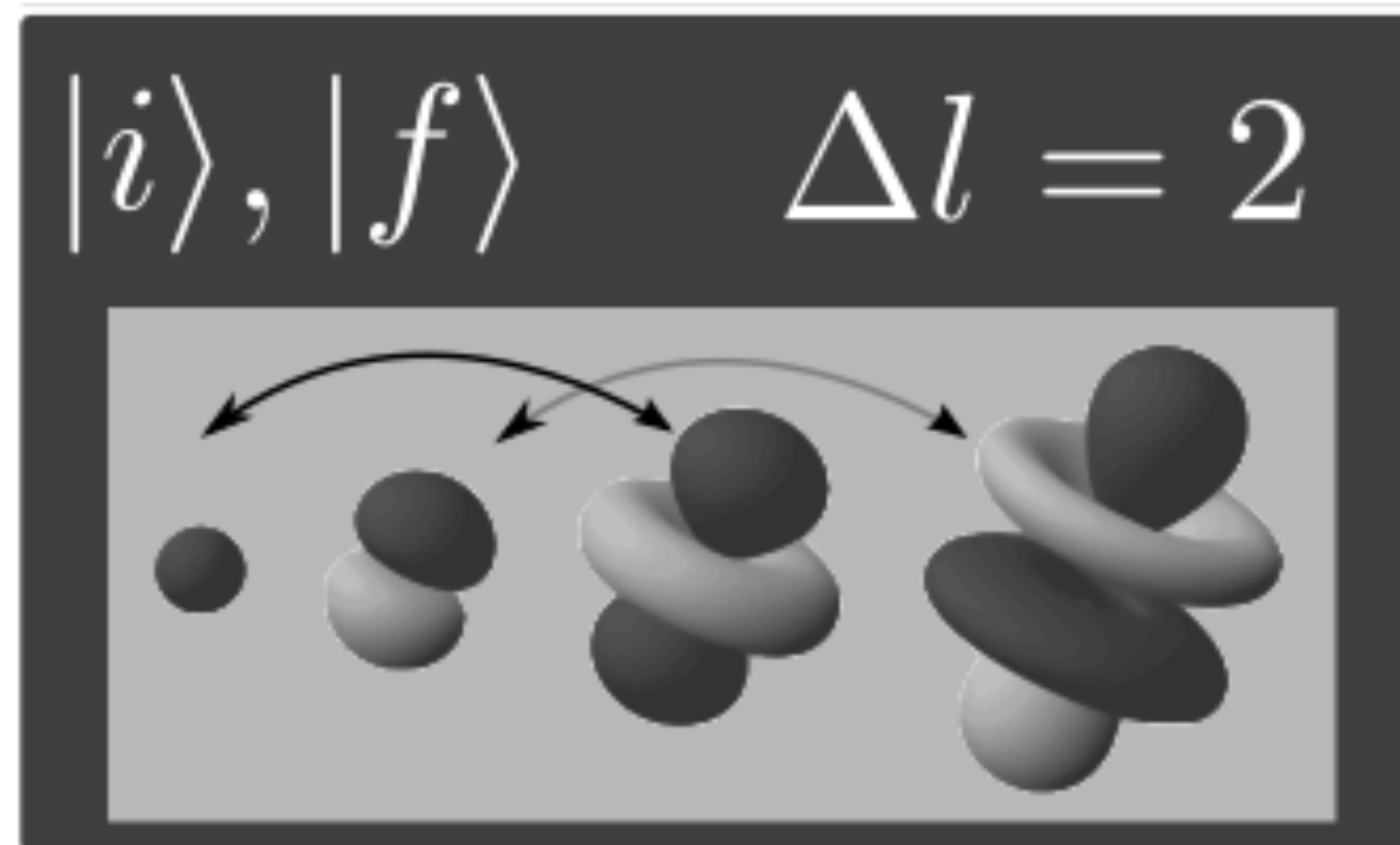
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Calcium ion energy levels



Electric Quadrupole
oscilating gradient - it's a wave!

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{A}_0 i k z \vec{e} e^{-i\omega t}$$



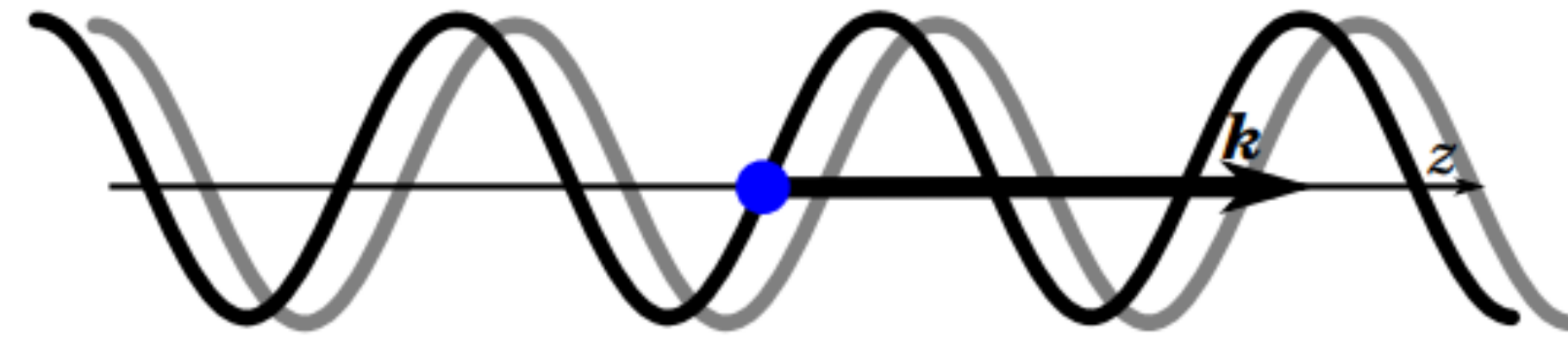
Dancing in the dark Where do the gradients come from?

Travelling Wave

Field Amplitude and
Longitudinal Gradient

$$\mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{A}_0(1 + ikz)e^{-i\omega t}$$

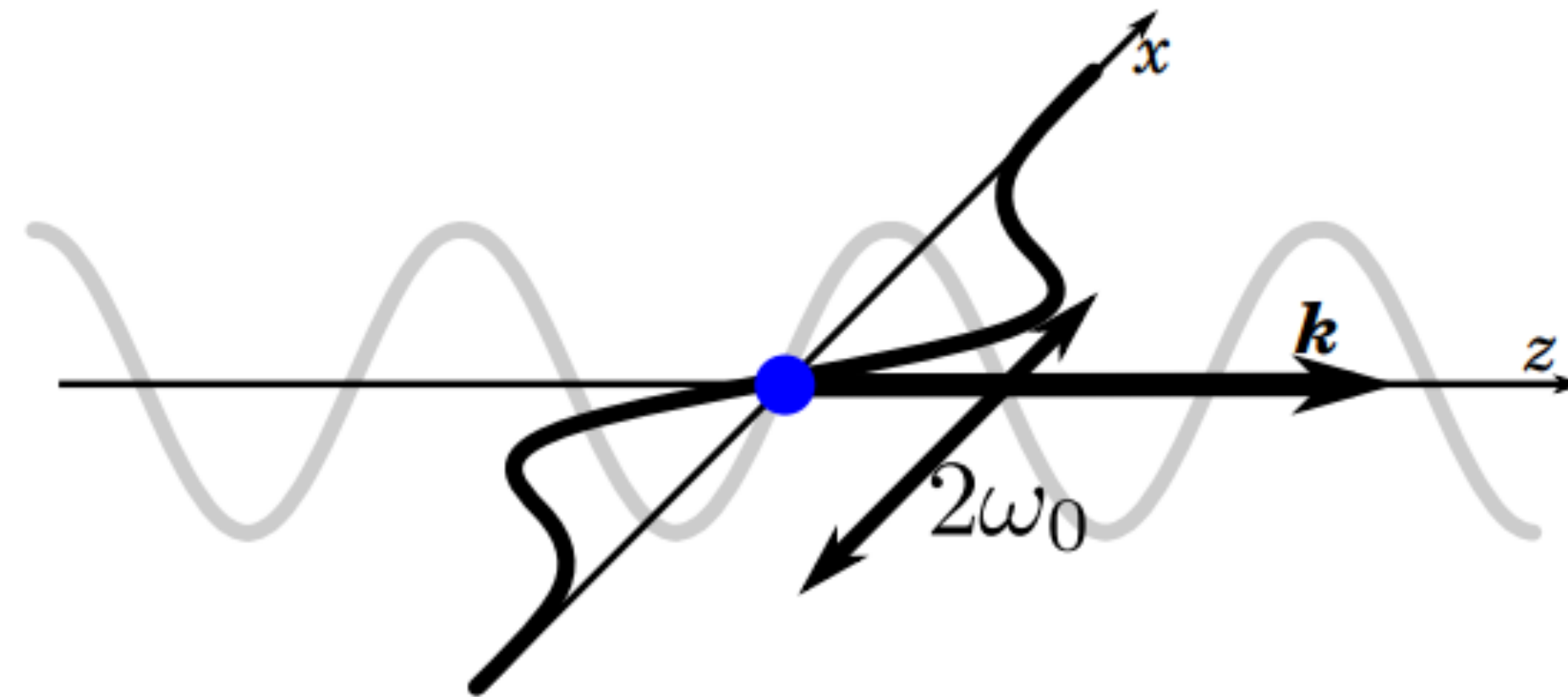
$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$$



Vortex Beam

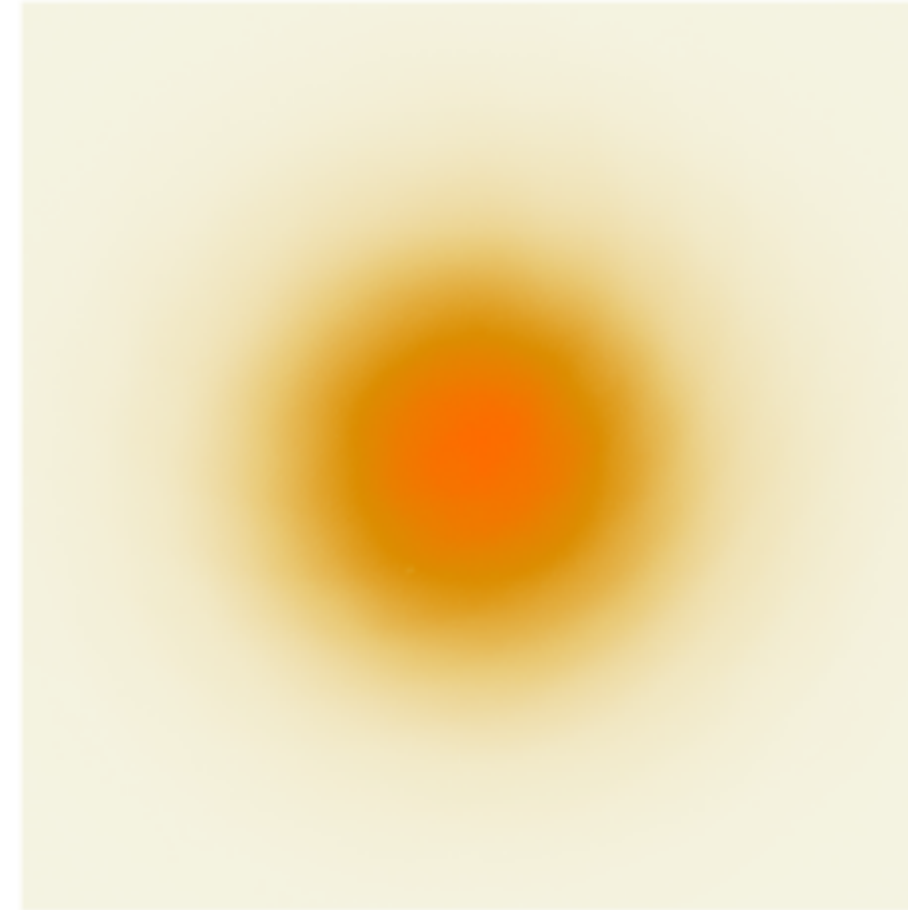
Transverse Field Gradient
with no Amplitude

$$\mathbf{A}_{10} \approx \mathbf{A}_0 \frac{\sqrt{2}\rho}{w_0} e^{i\phi} e^{-i\omega t}$$

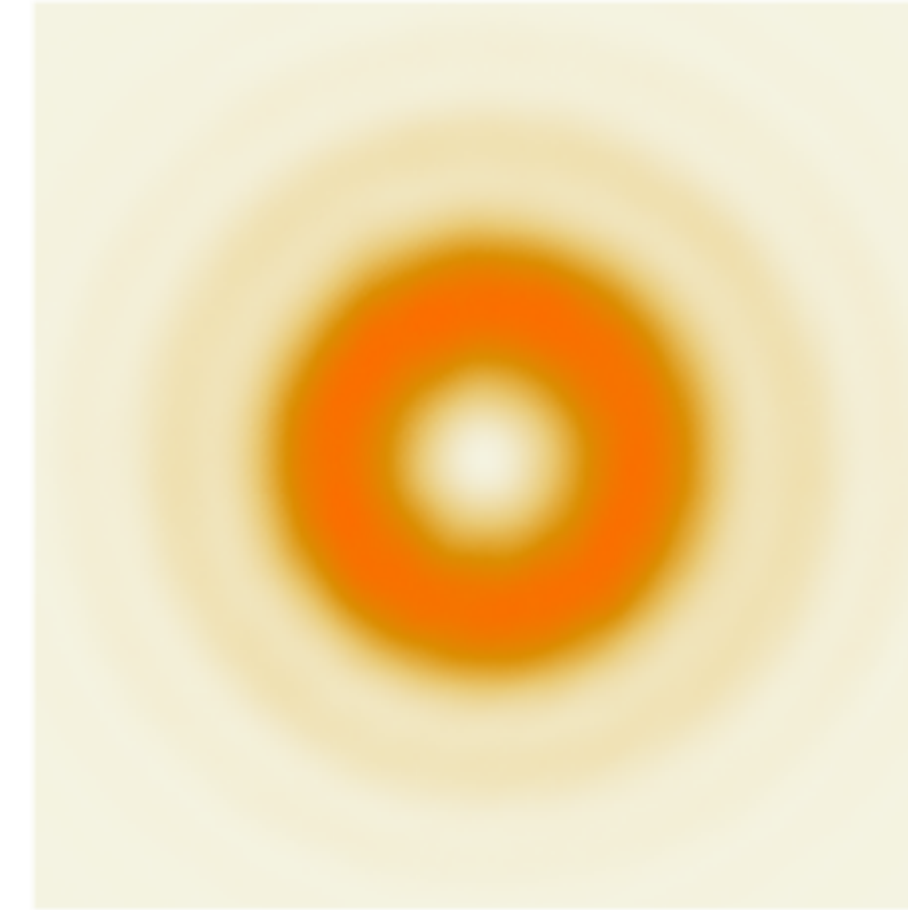


Beam Intensity Profiles
(measured with CCD
before focusing on the ion)

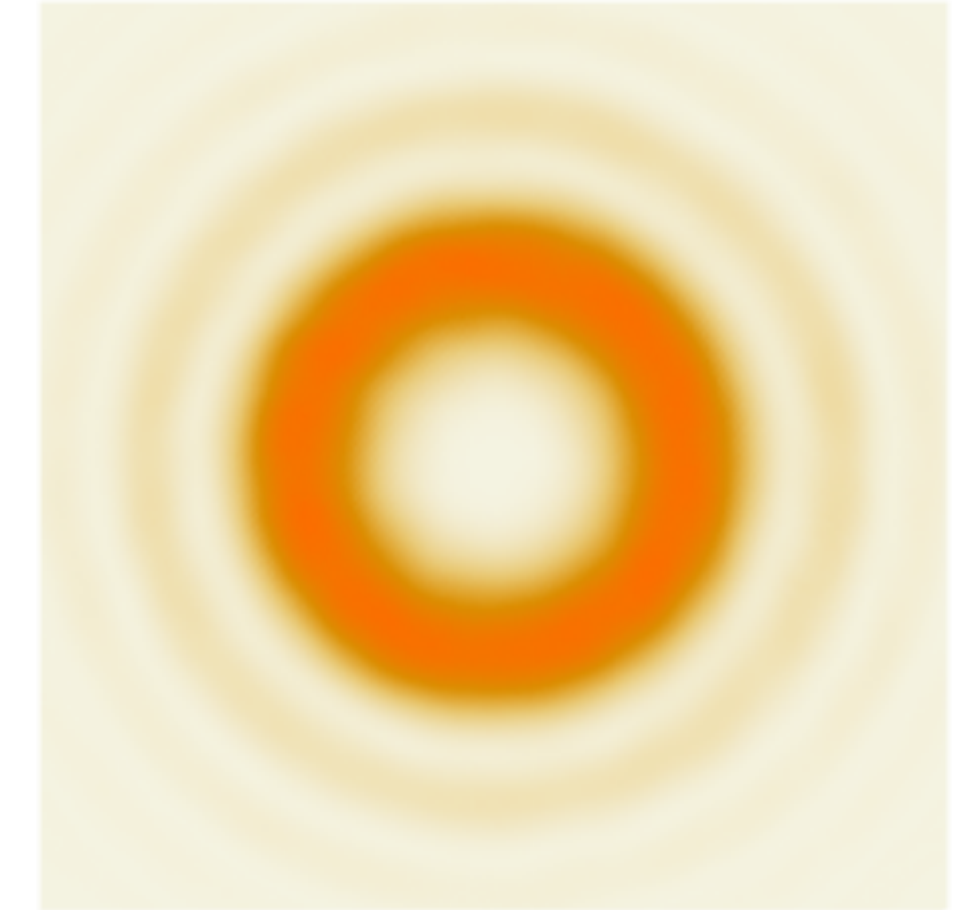
Gaussian Beam $l=0$



Doughnut Beam $l=1$



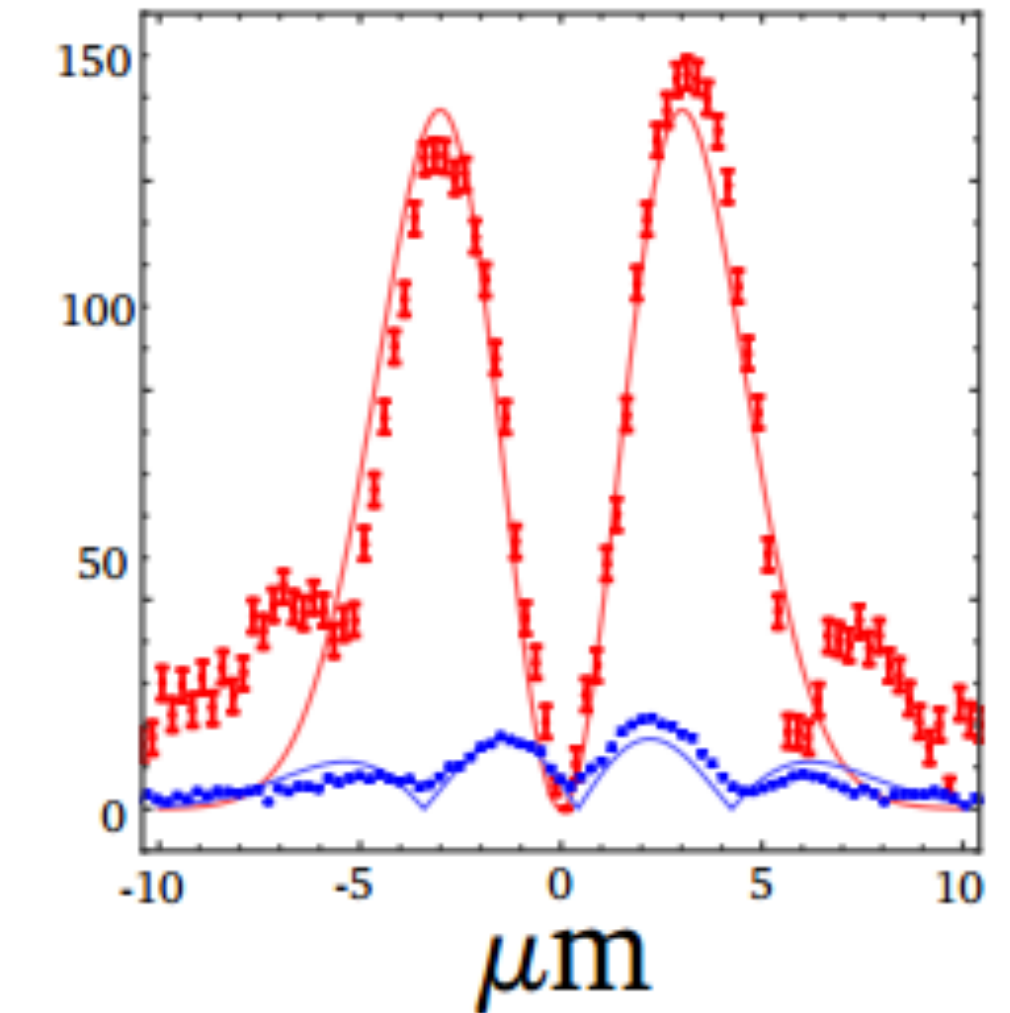
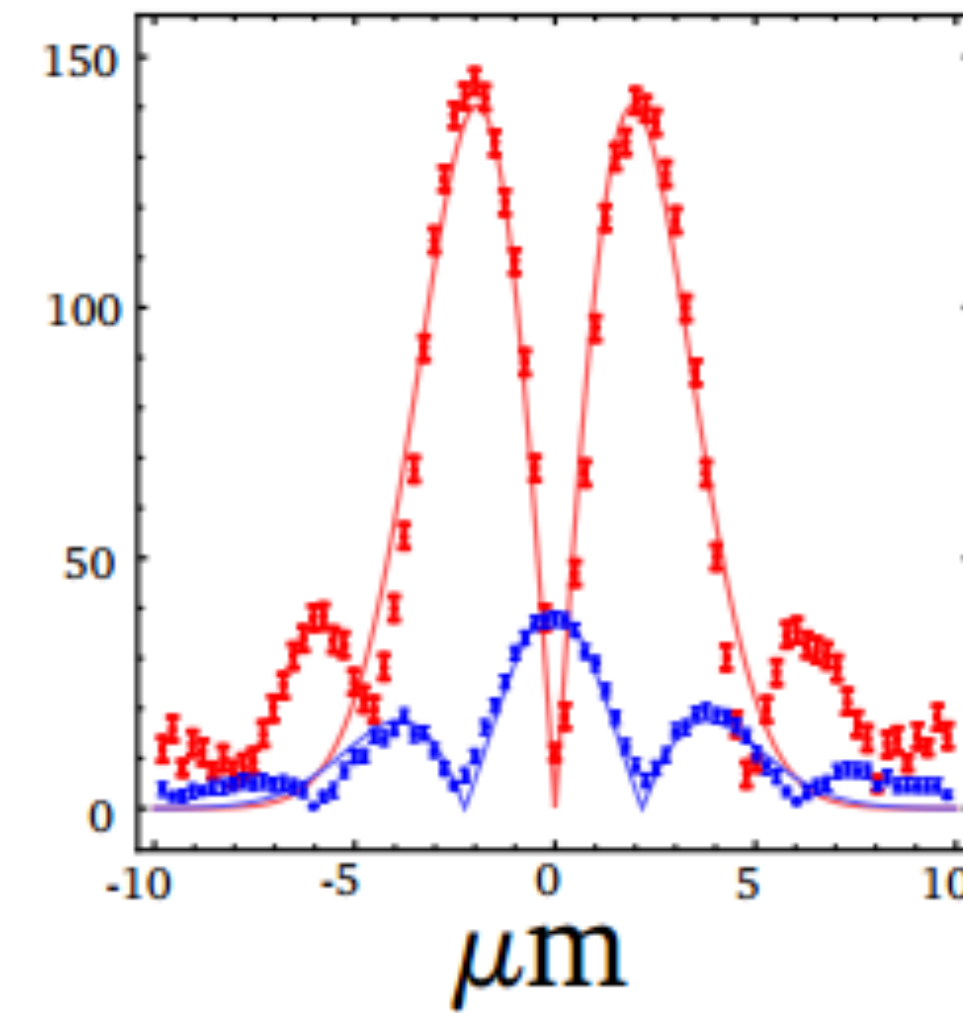
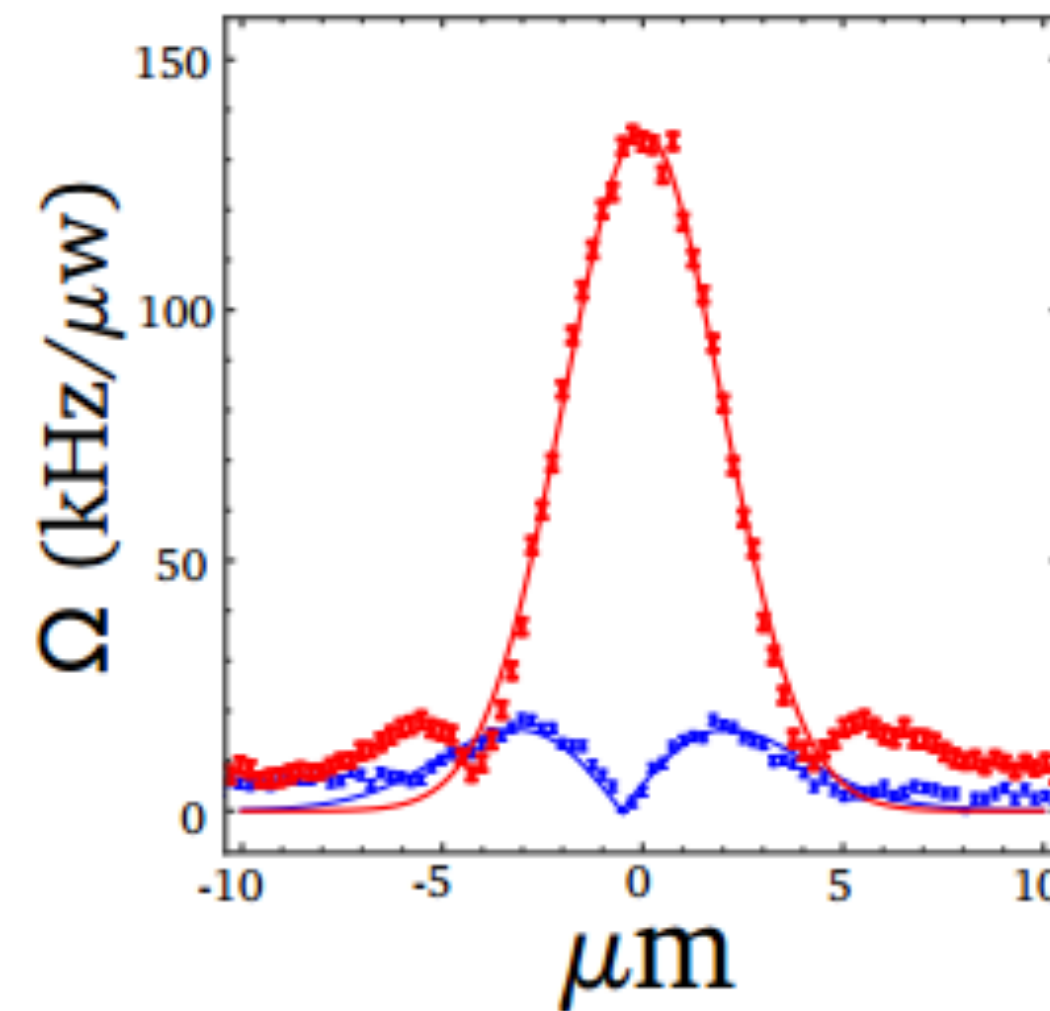
Ring Beam $l=2$

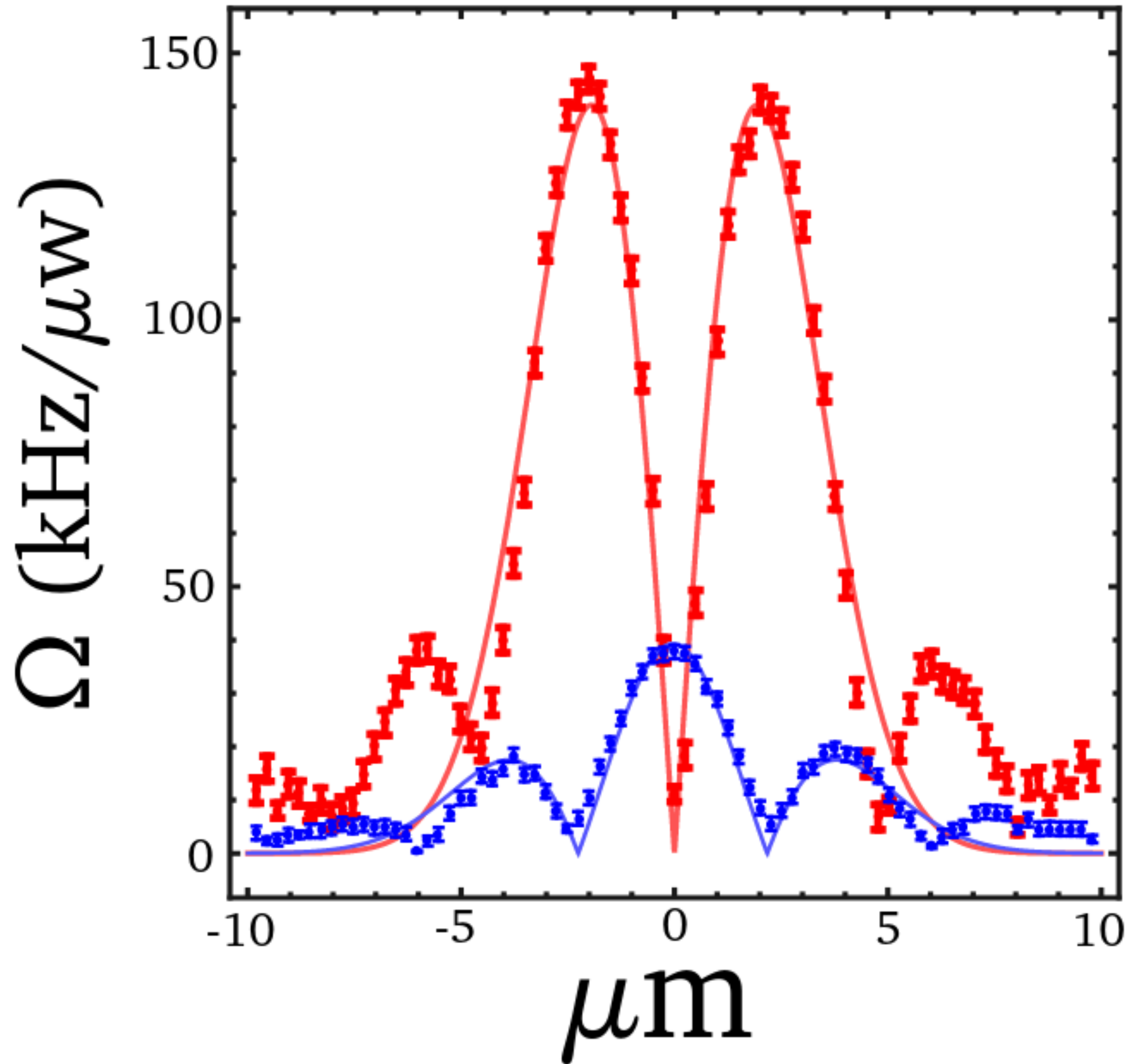


Quadrupole Excitation
as a function of the
position of the ion
in the beam

Longitudinal Gradient
proportional to $\sqrt{\text{intensity}}$

Transverse Gradient

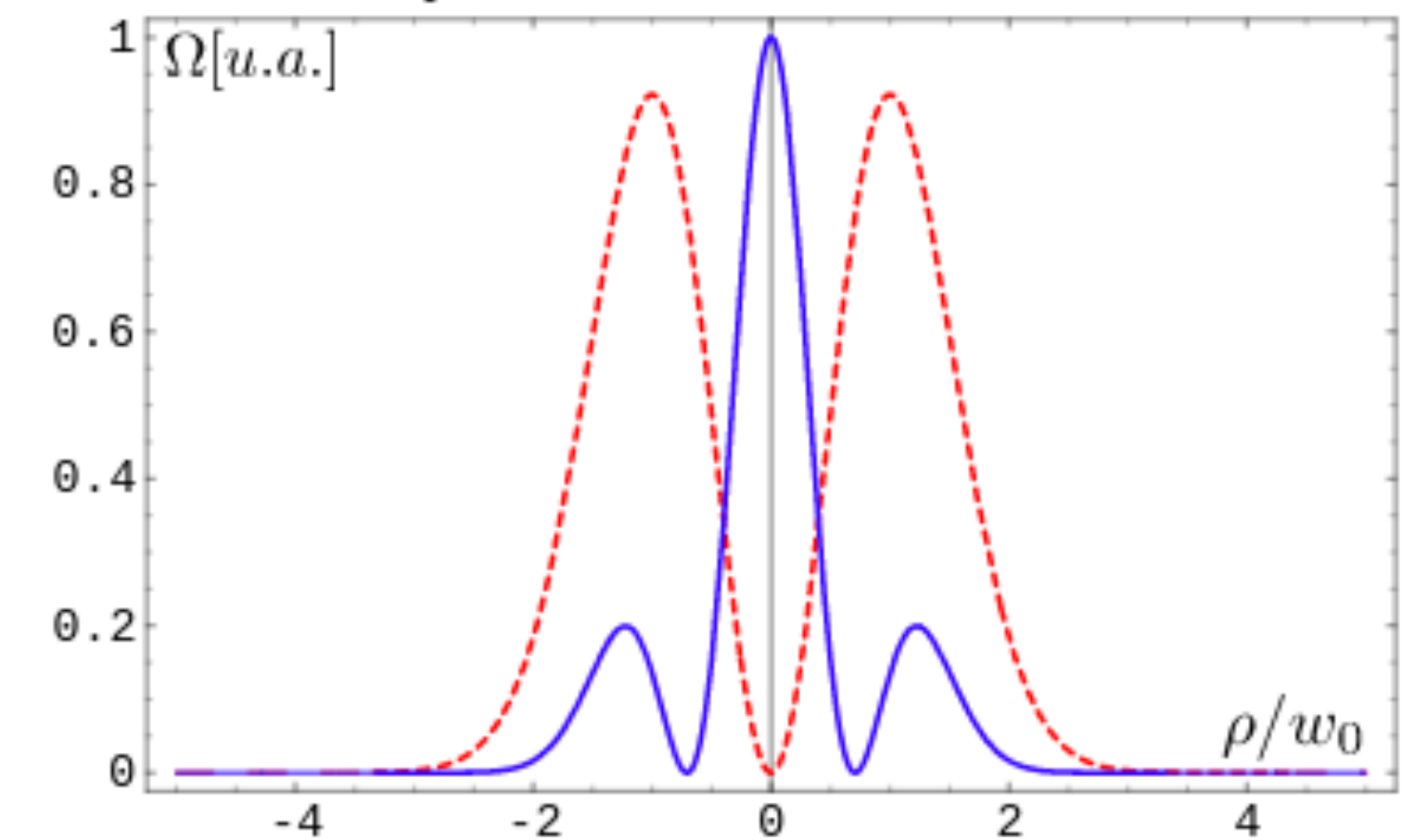


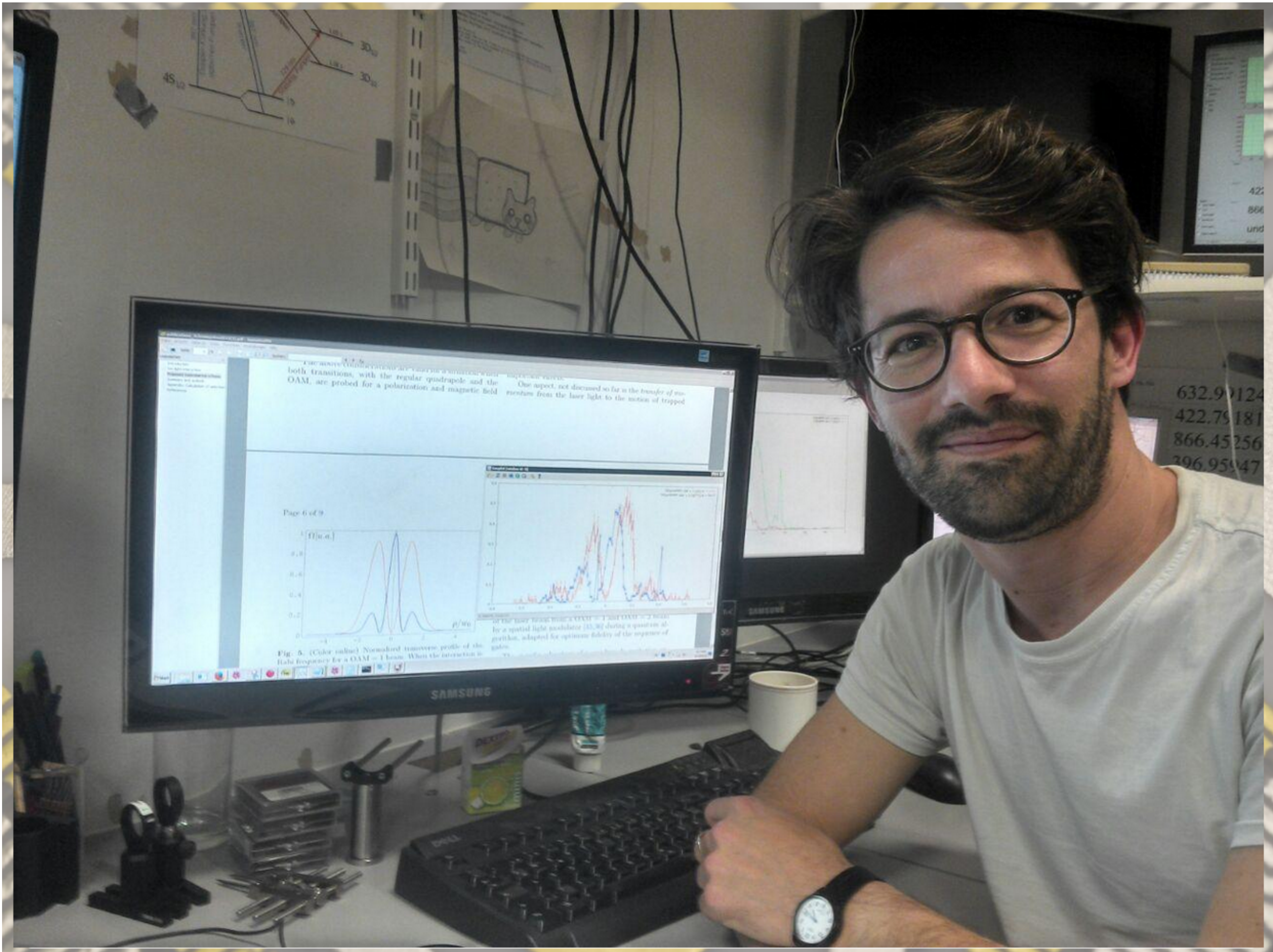


Longitudinal Gradient
- proportional to $\sqrt{\text{intensity}}$ -

Transverse Gradient

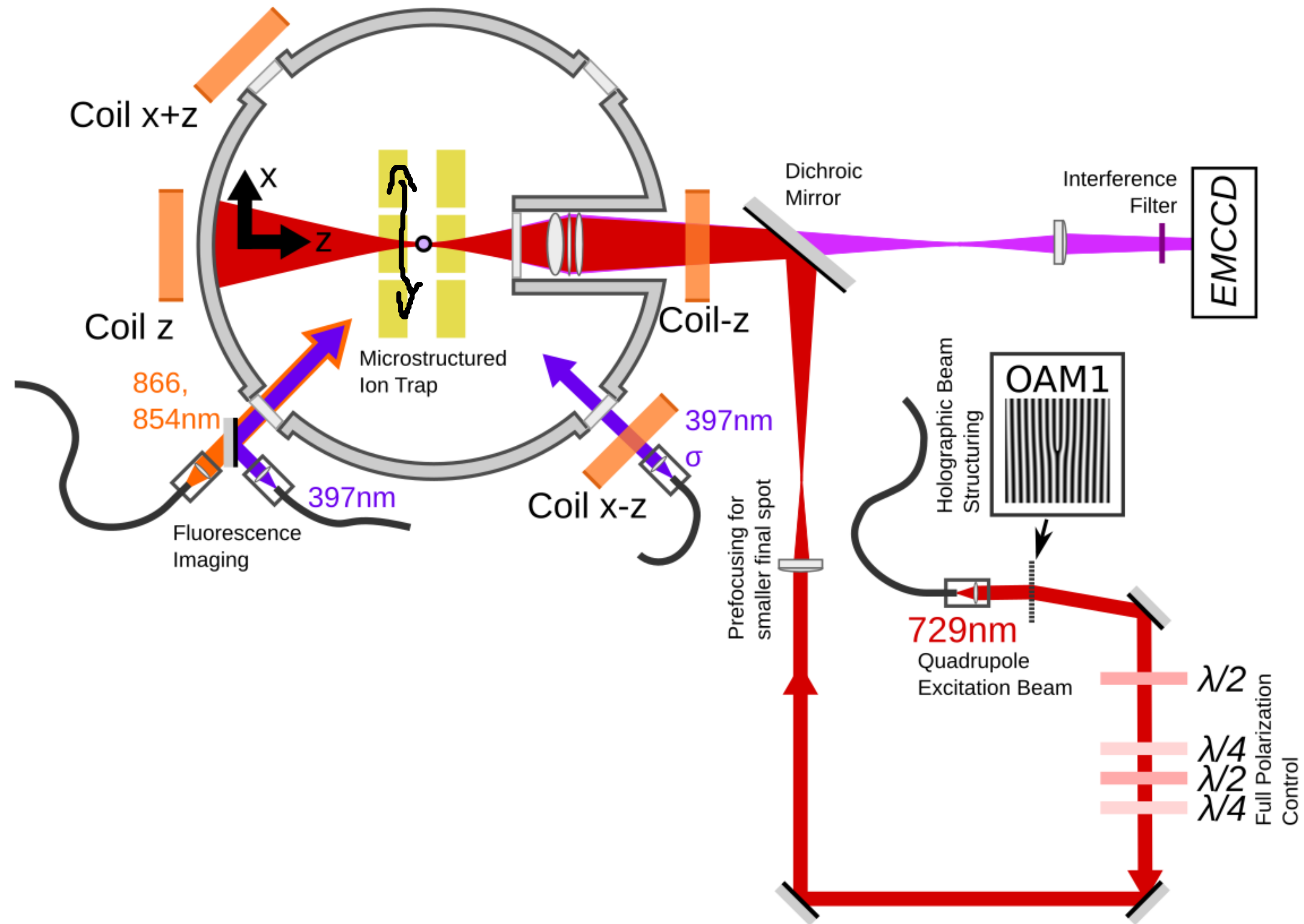
prediction Schmiegelow & Schmidt-Kaler
Eur. Phys. J. D **66**: 157 (2012)





- Things i've learned
- shut up and calculate
 - leave ideas rest
 - it's the optics, stupid

Experimental setup



Day Two

Part 2

Ion Trapping

How to trap ions

A trap

A vacuum chamber

Atoms

An ionization method

An observation method

trap diagrams and Earnshaw's theorem

How to trap ions

A trap

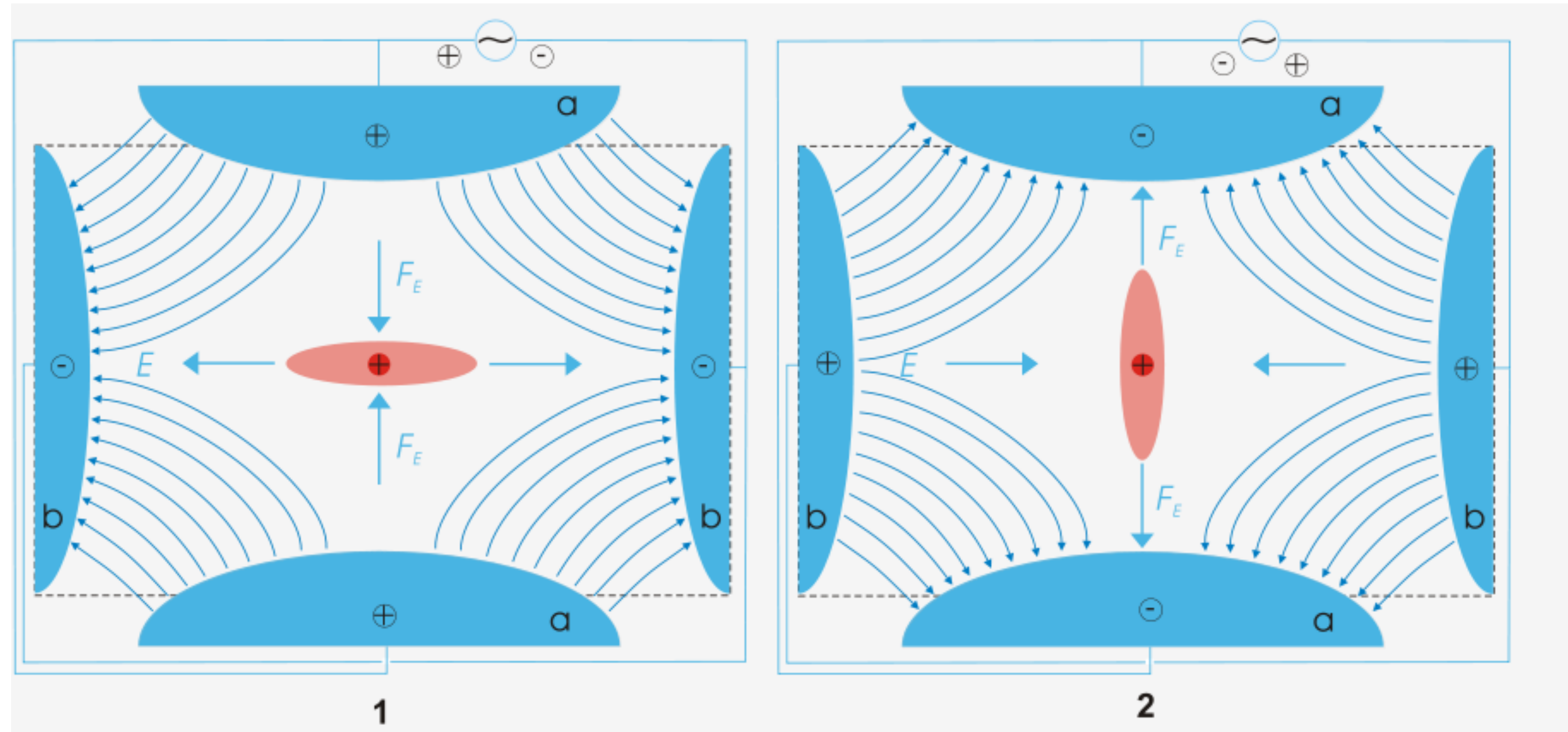
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Paul trap working mechanism - oscillating potential



How to trap ions

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Paul trap, mechanical analogue

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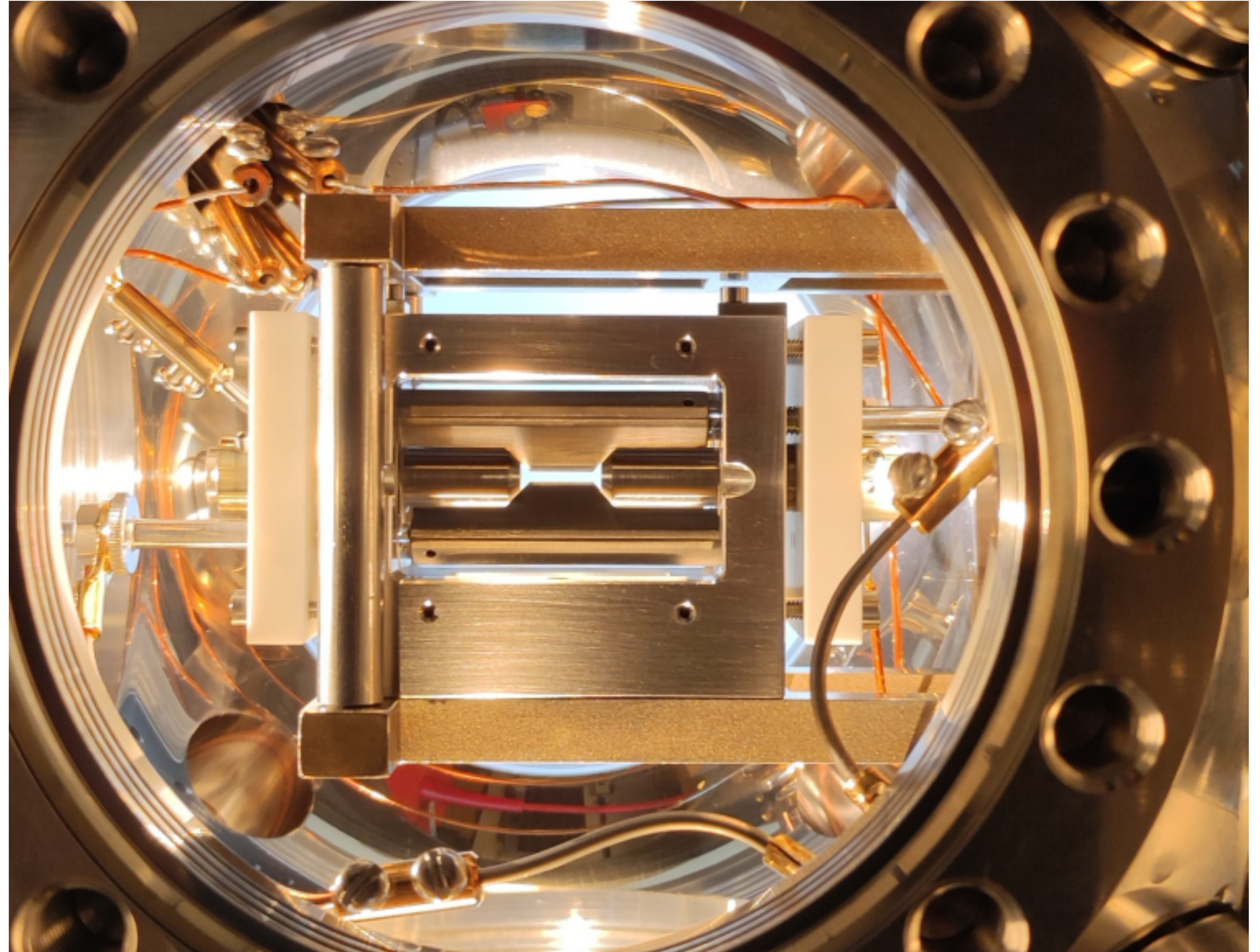
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A linear Paul Trap



How to trap ions

A trap

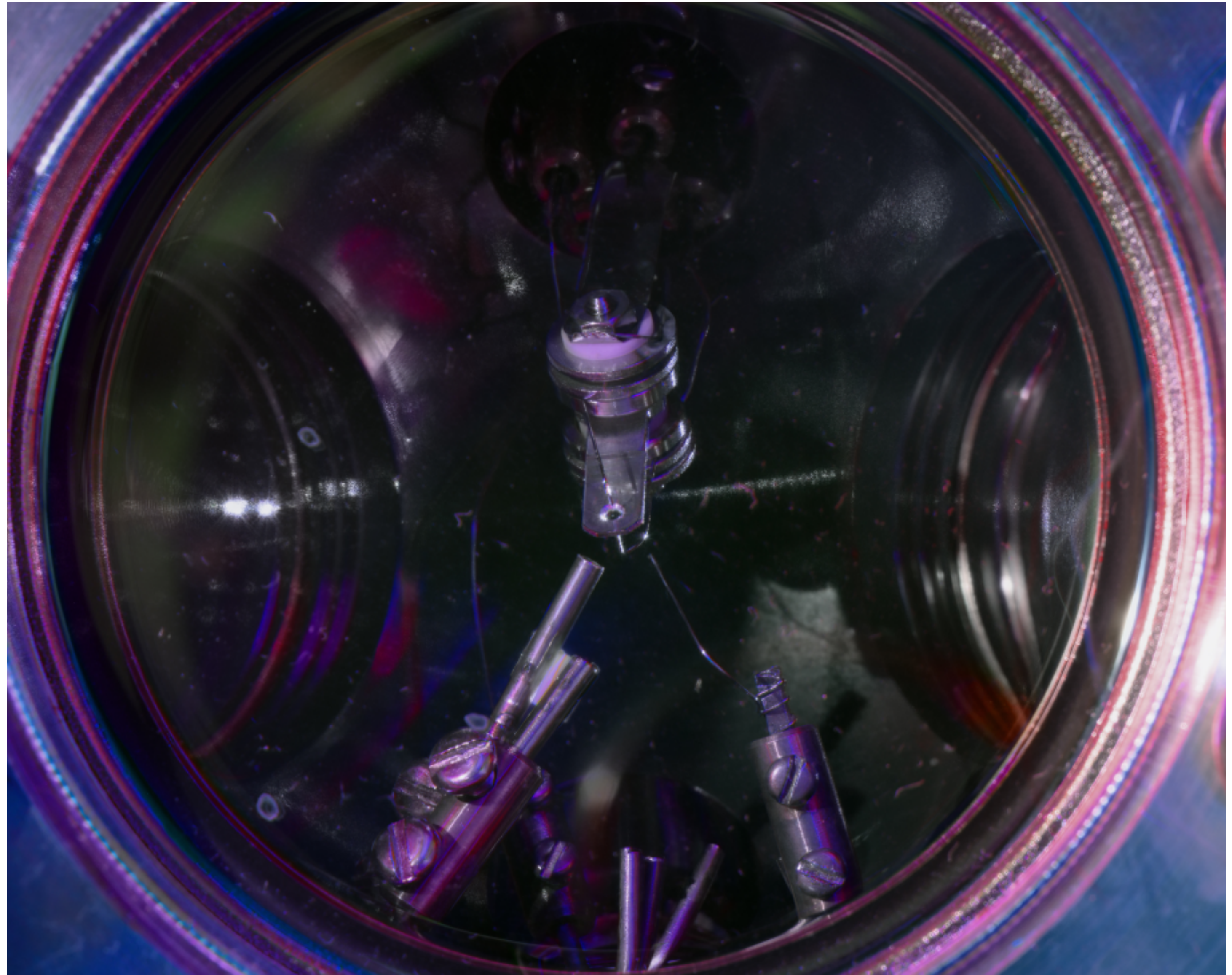
A vacuum chamber

Atoms

An ionization method

An observation method

An ring Paul Trap



How to trap ions

- A trap**
 - An ring Segmented Trap*
- A vacuum chamber*
- Atoms*
- An ionization method*
- An observation method*

How to trap ions

A trap

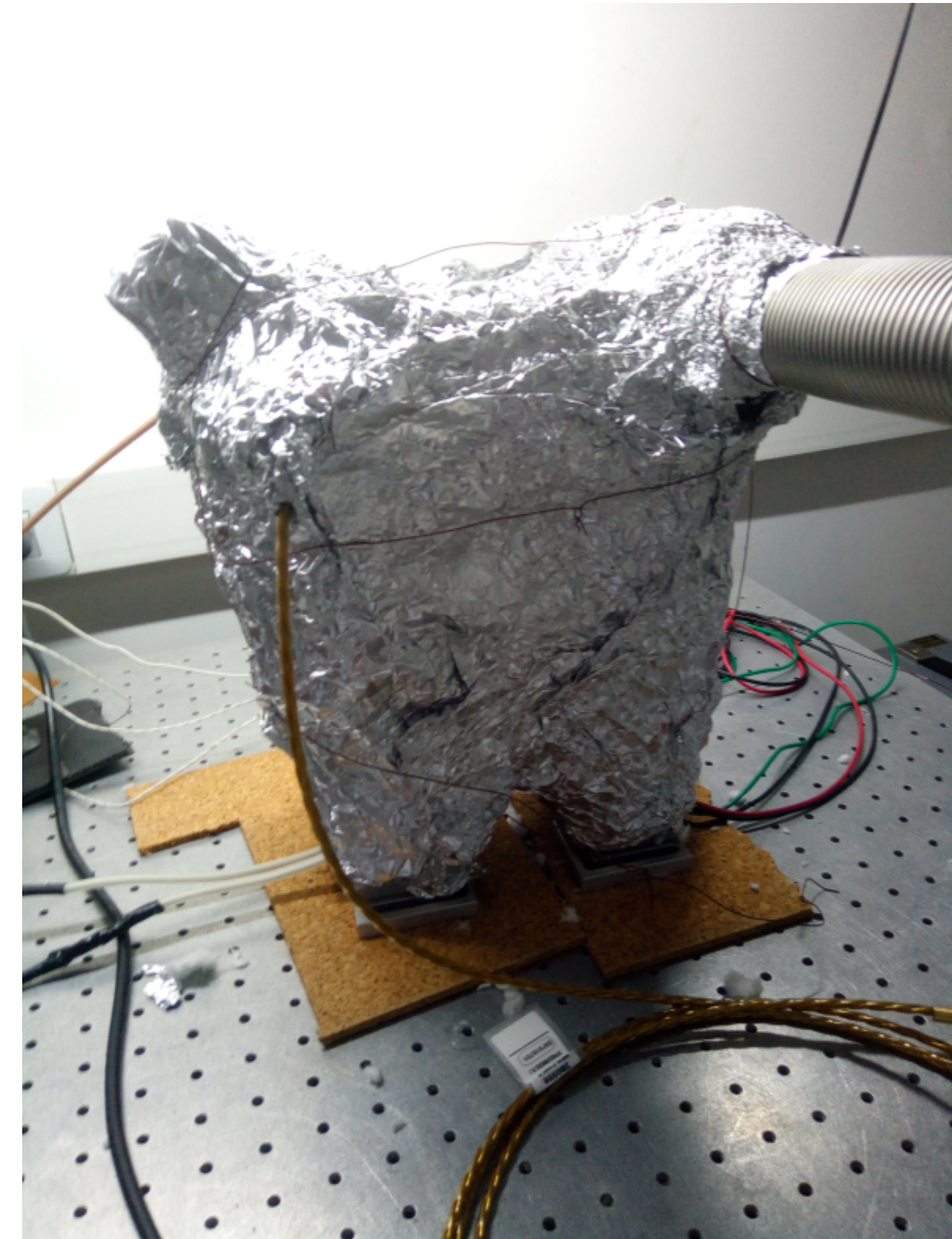
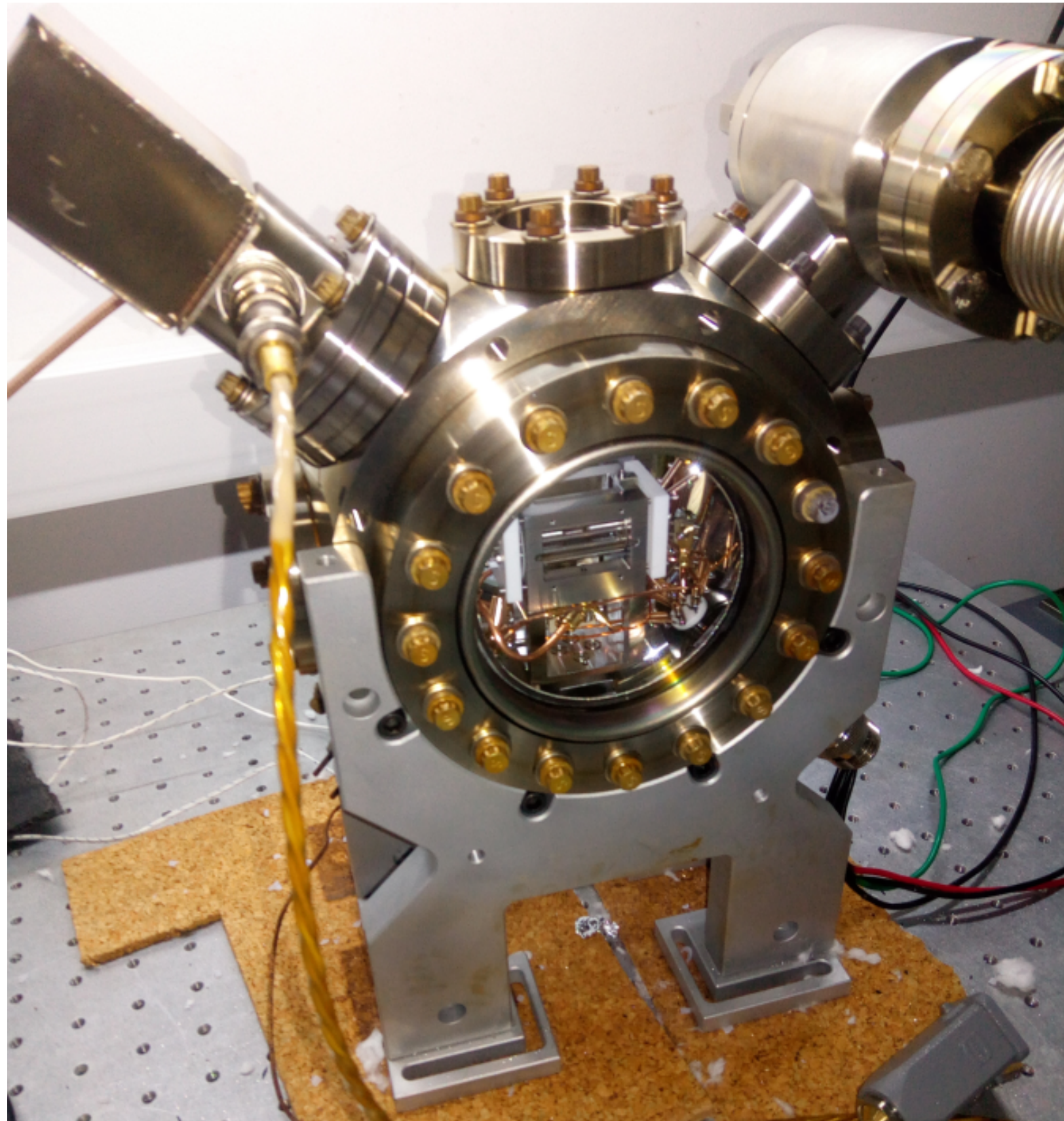
A vacuum chamber *Vacuum chamber, vacuum pumps, backing, and lots of patience!*

Atoms

An ionization method

An observation method

$$P < 10^{-11} \text{ mbar}$$



How to trap ions

A trap

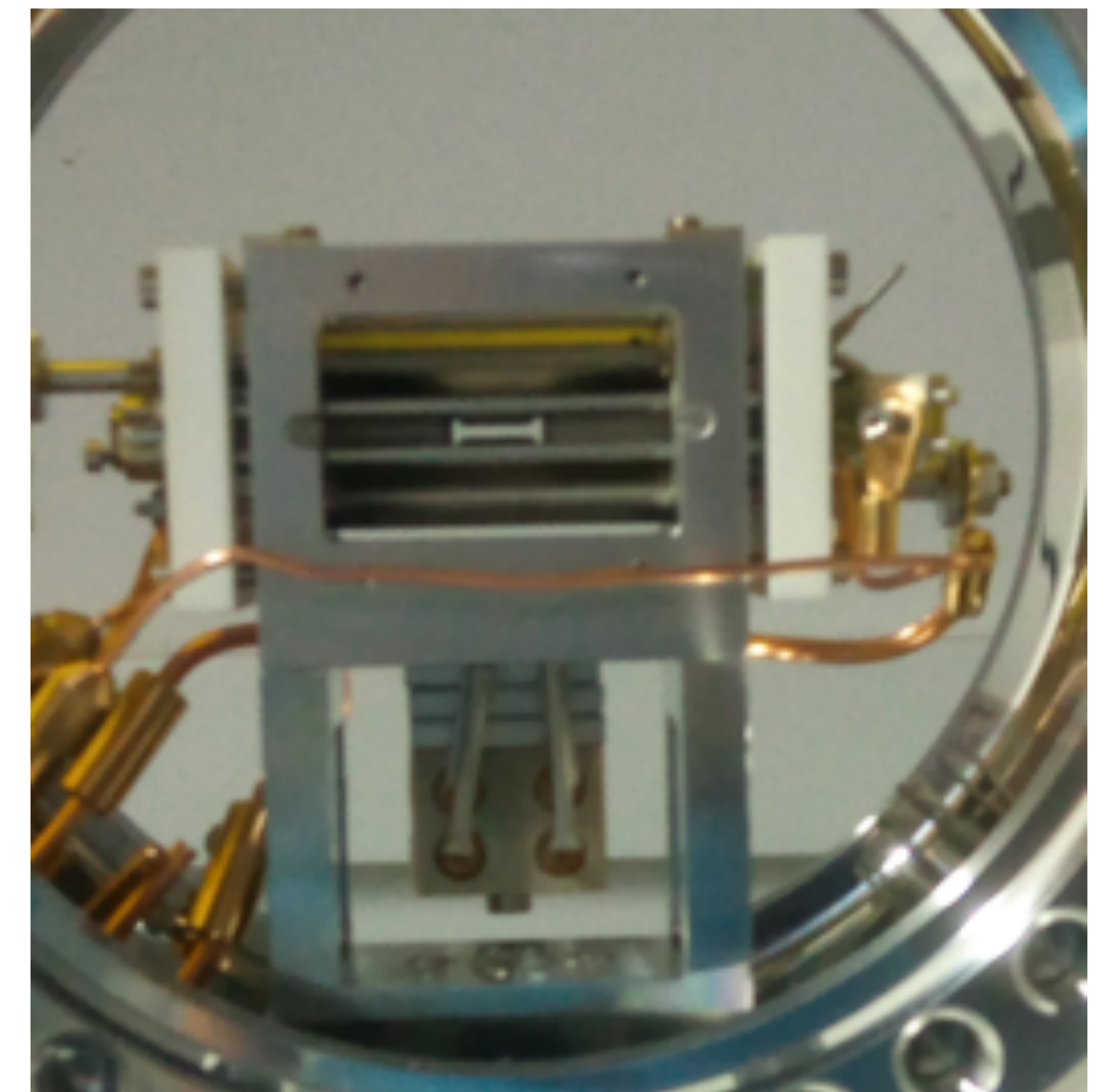
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Ovens: a source of neutral atoms in vacuum



How to trap ions

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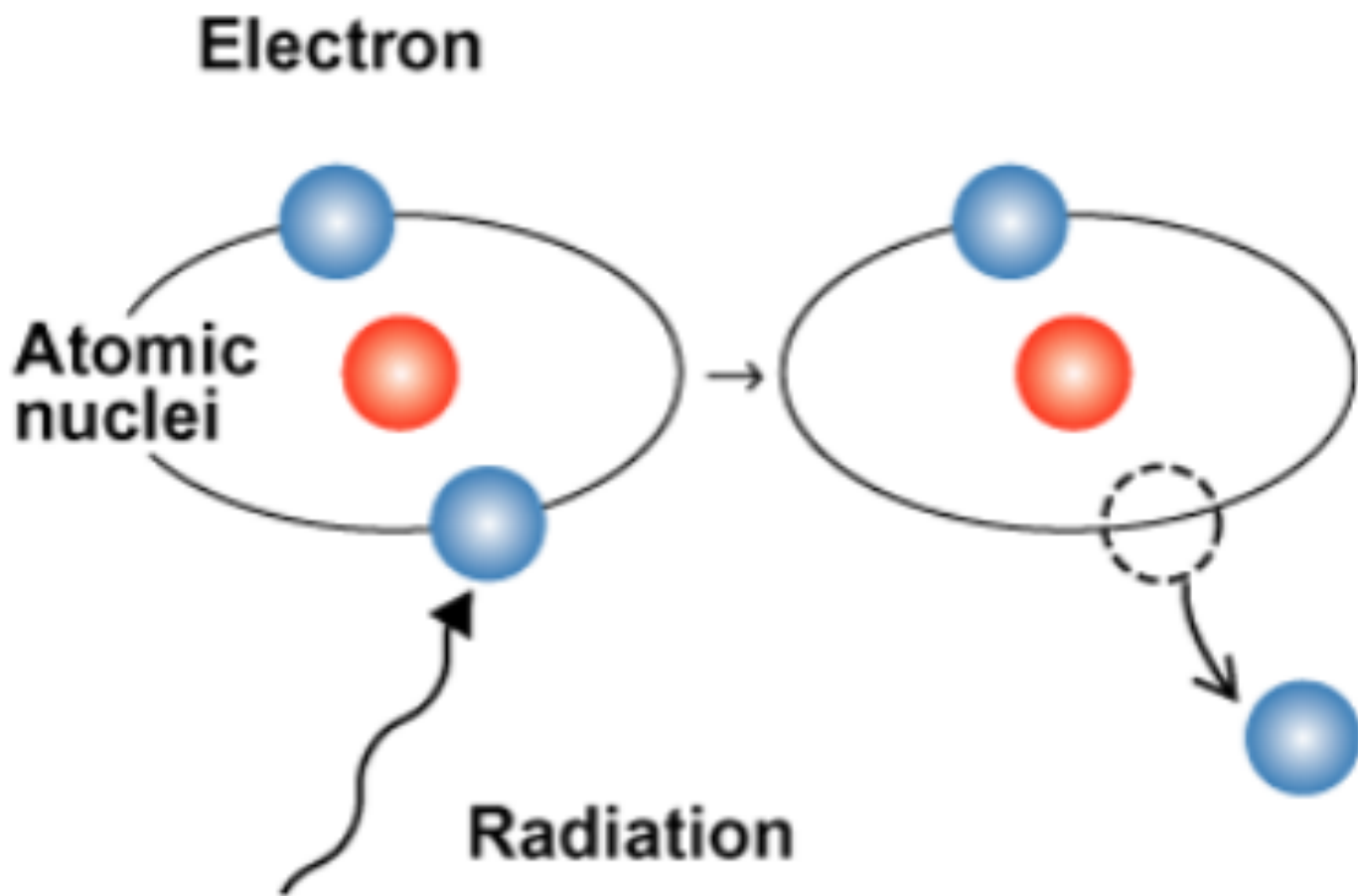
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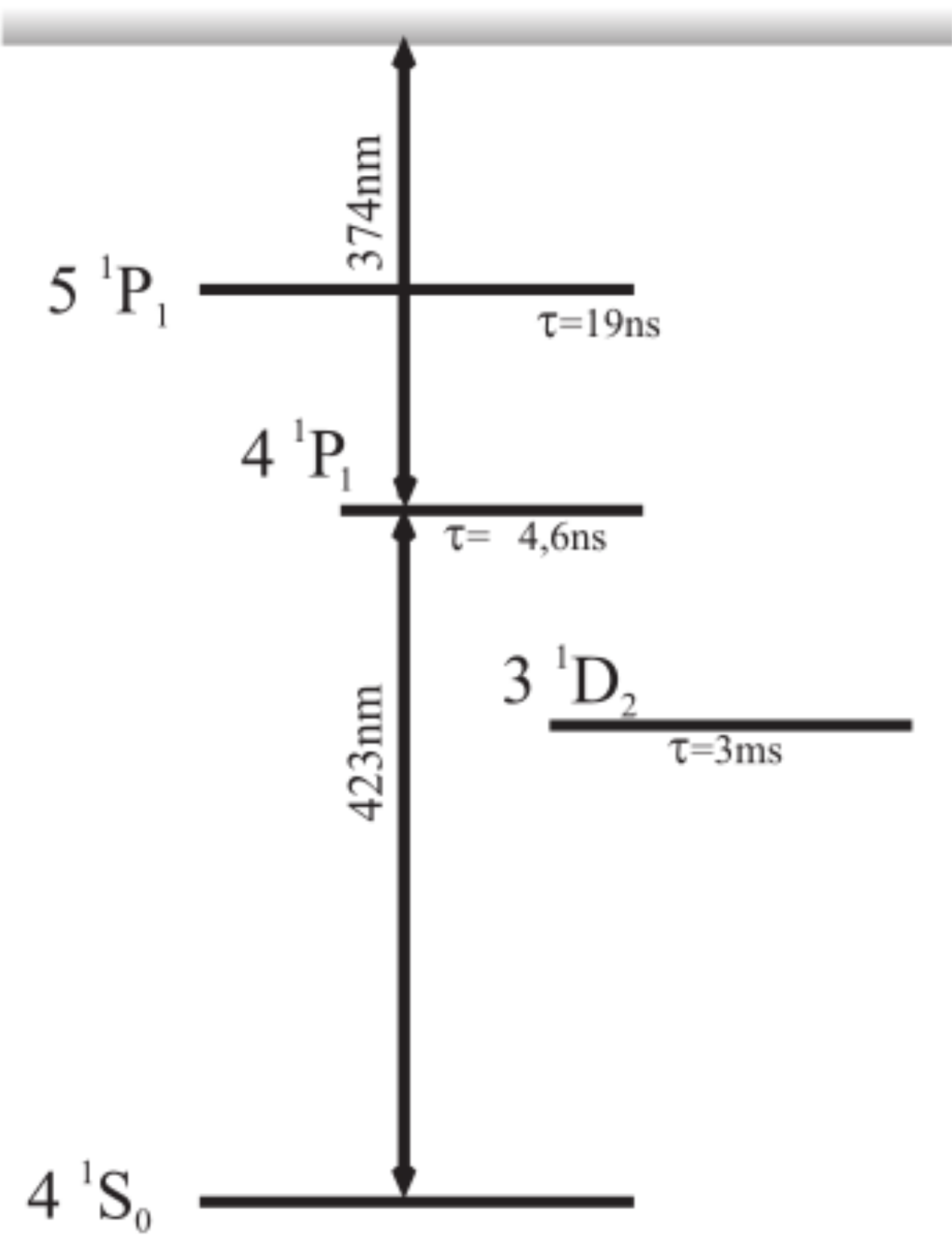
An ionization method

An observation method

Typically REMPI, two photon photoionization, but can also be otherwise...



neutral Calcium
energy levels



How to trap ions

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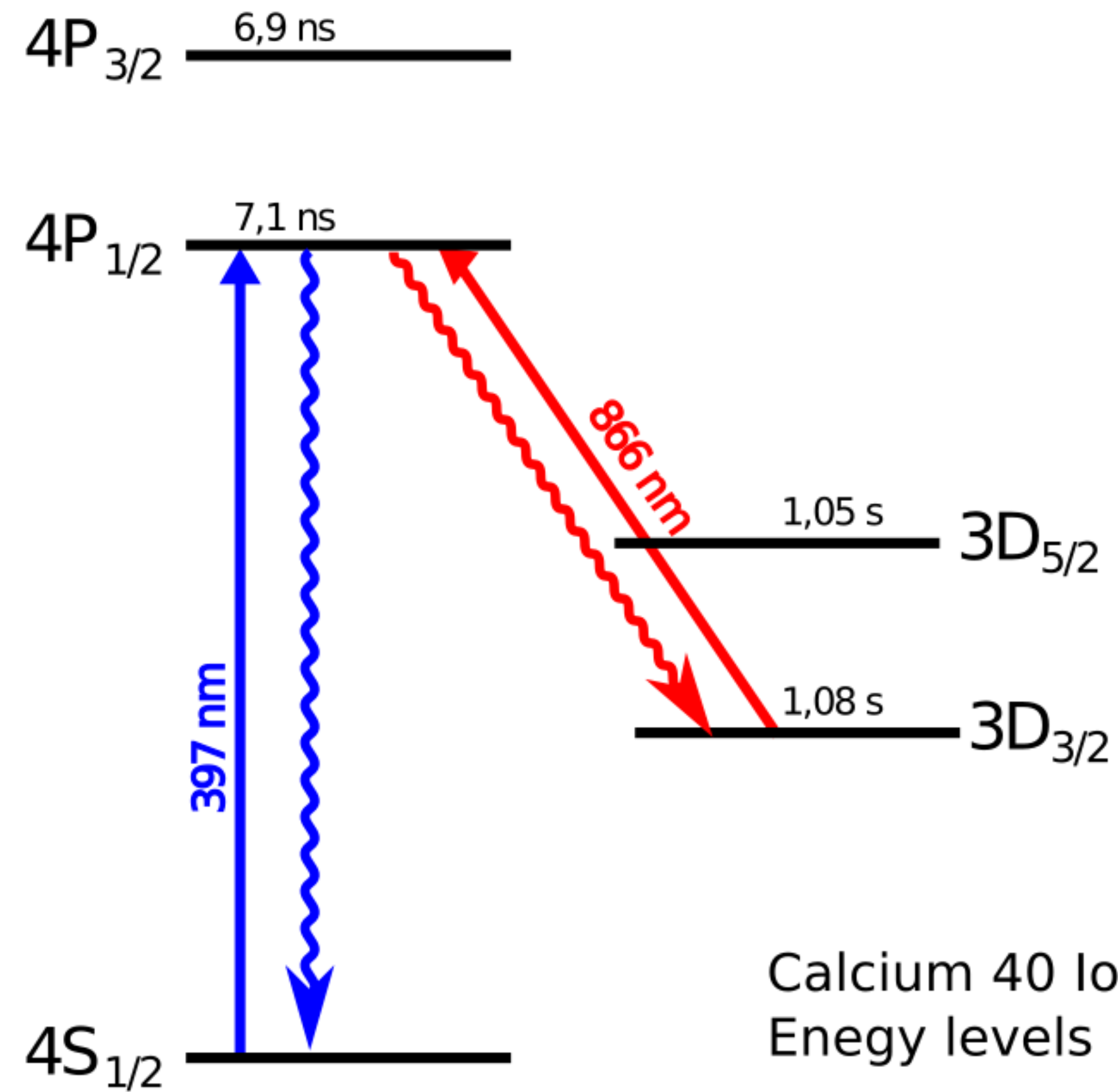
A vacuum chamber

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Resonance fluorescence, and Doppler cooling, plus extra "repumping"



How to trap ions

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Lasers, lasers, lasers.

For cooling, ionizing, optical pumping, coherent control, etc.

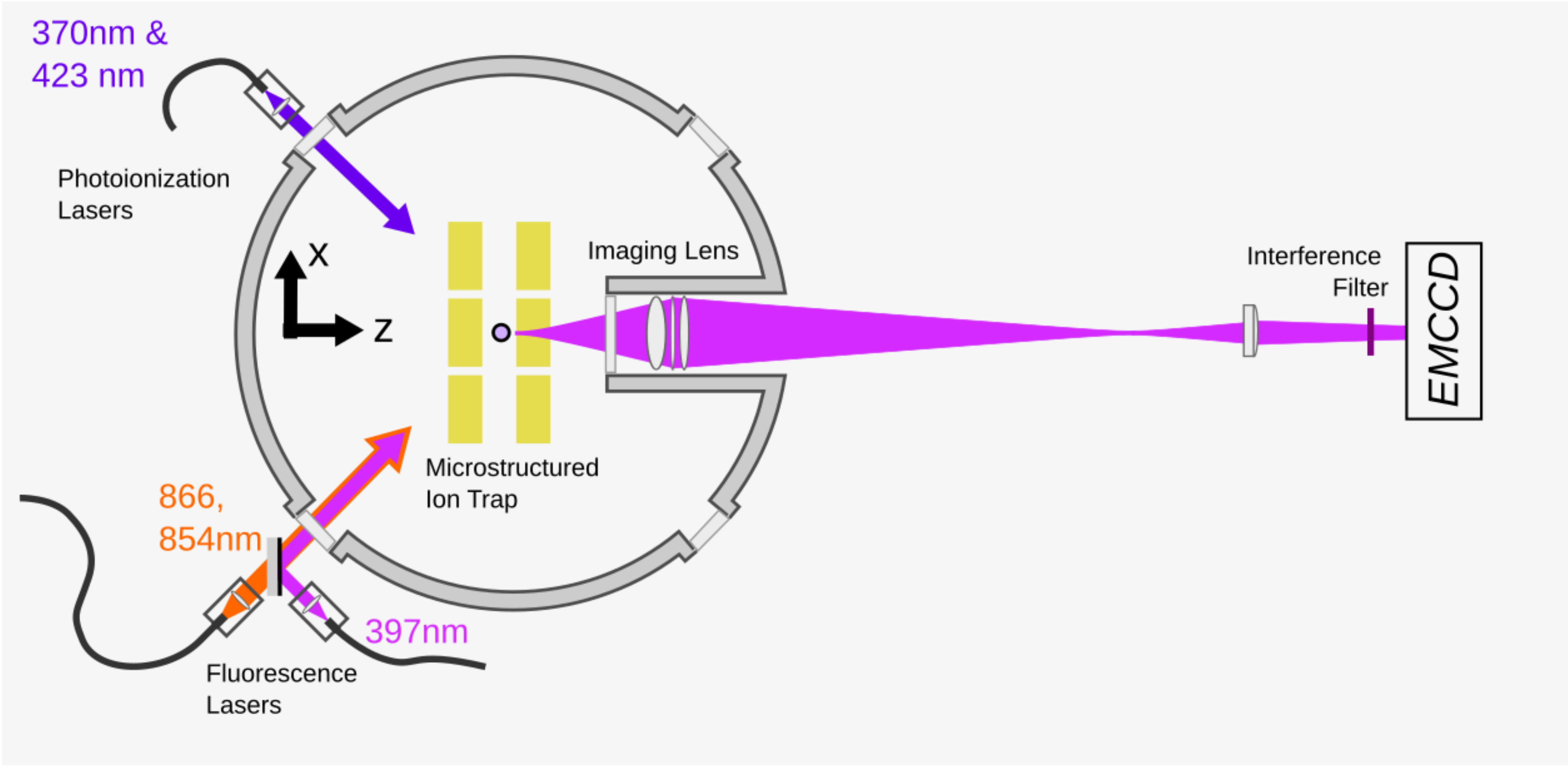


*Frequency stabilized, power stabilized, polarization controlled.
Switchable in us, in amplitude and frequency.*

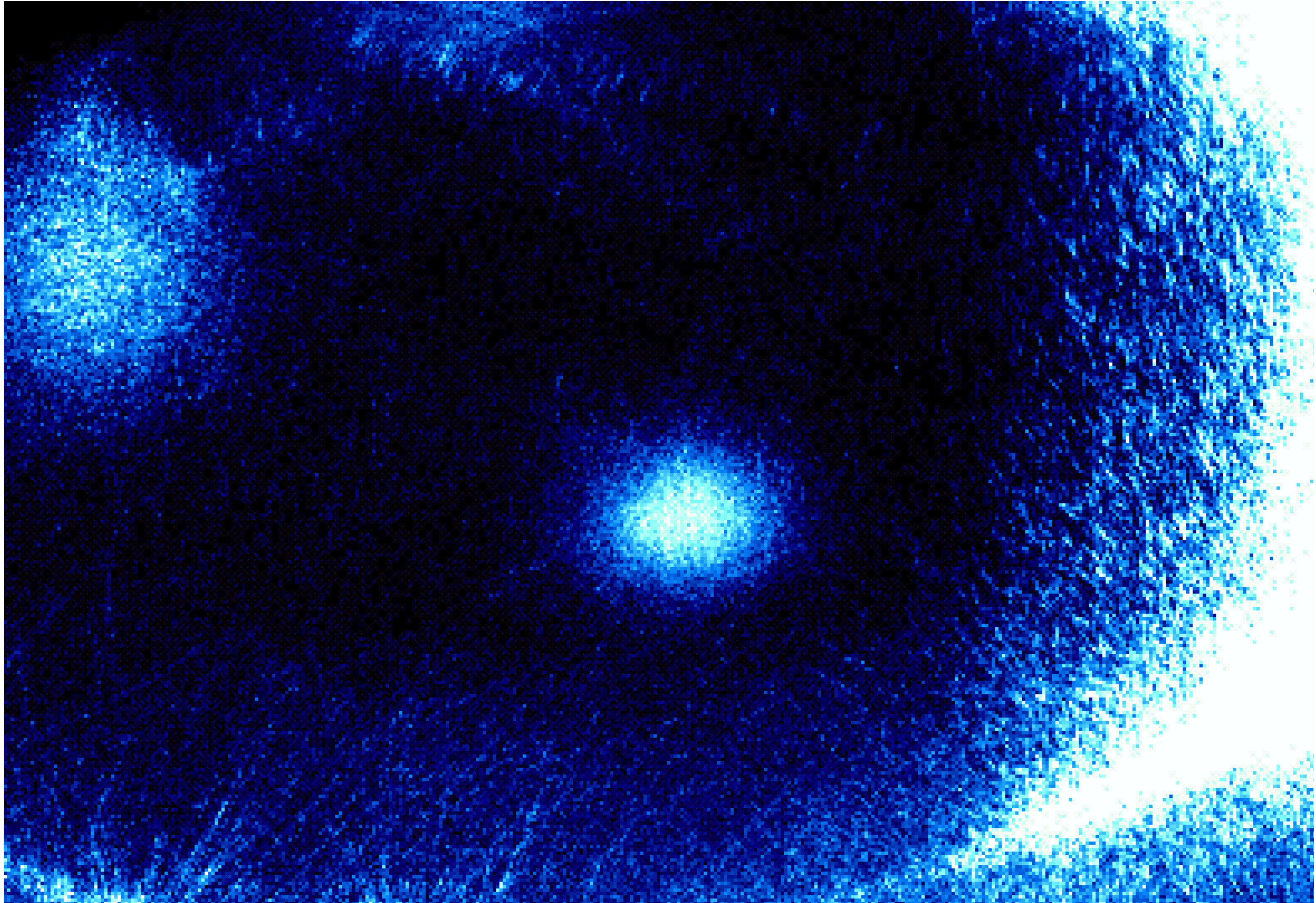
How to trap ions

- A trap
- A vacuum chamber
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- An ionization method
- An observation method**

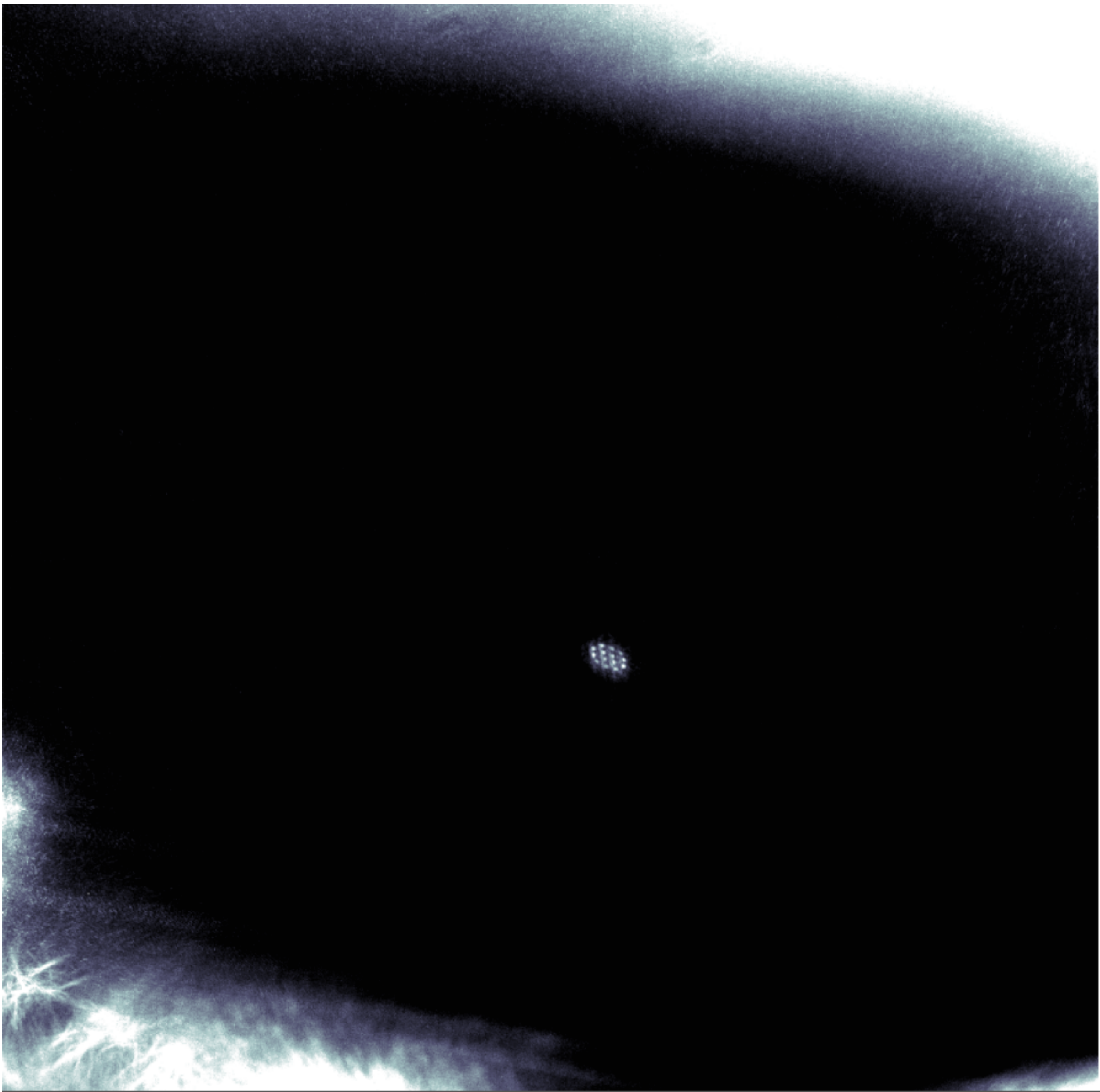
Trap, lasers, chamber and observation optics



How to trap ions - voilà

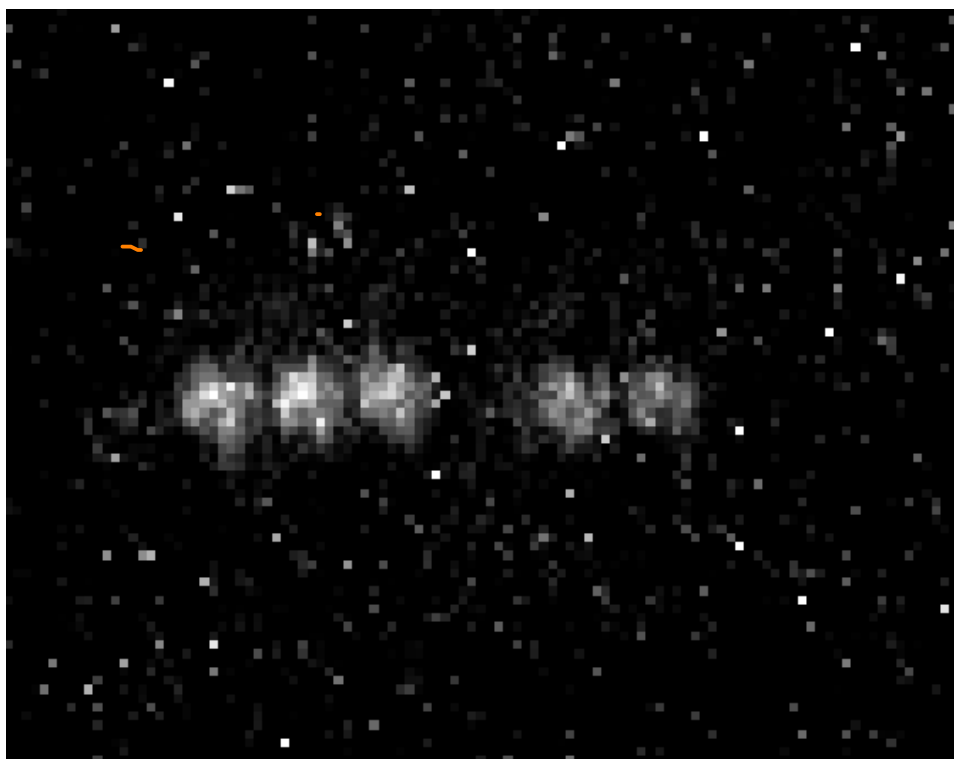
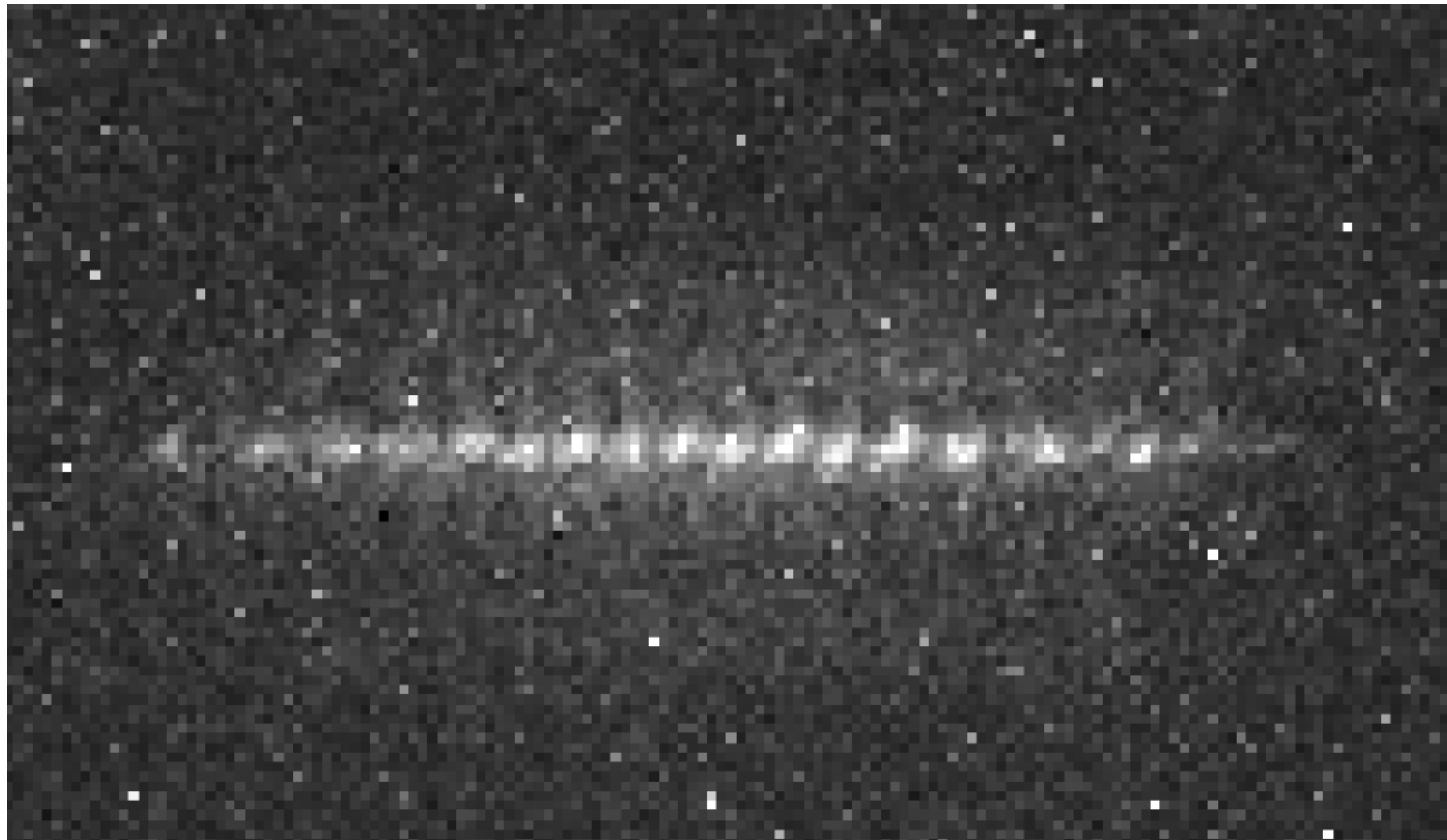


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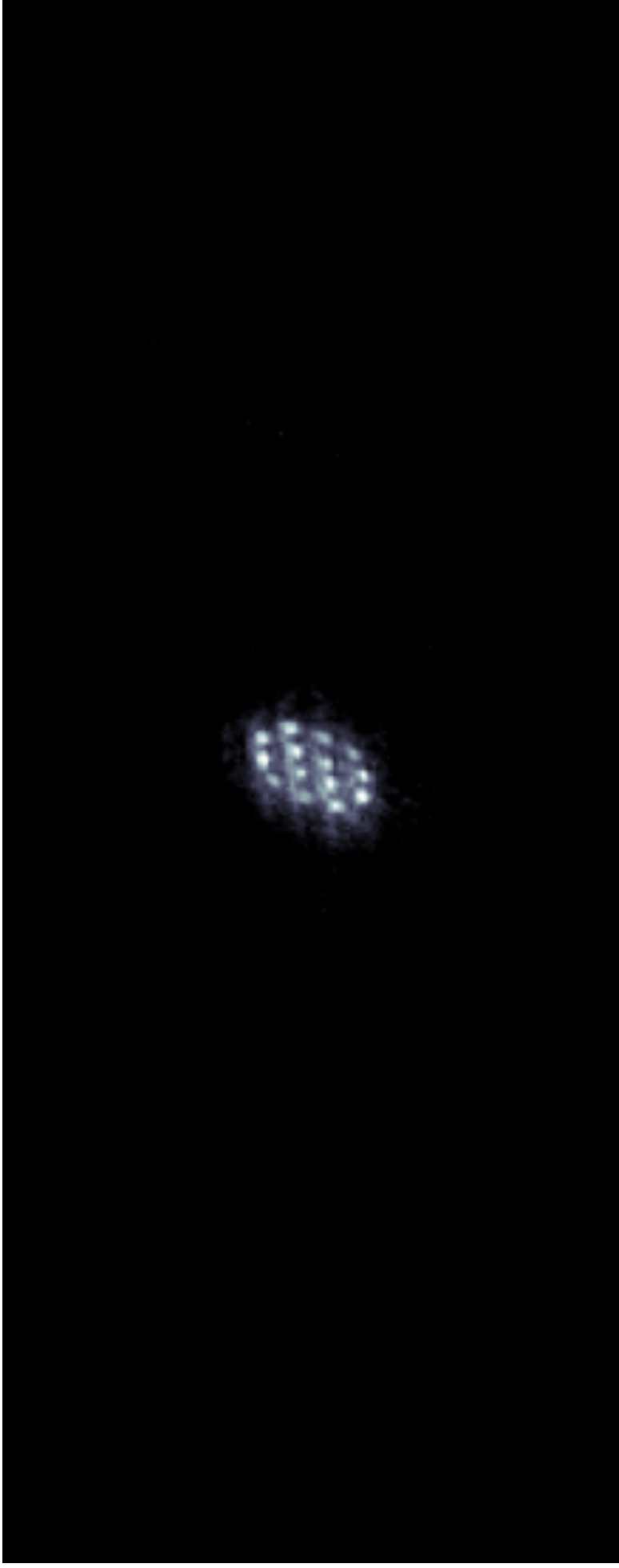
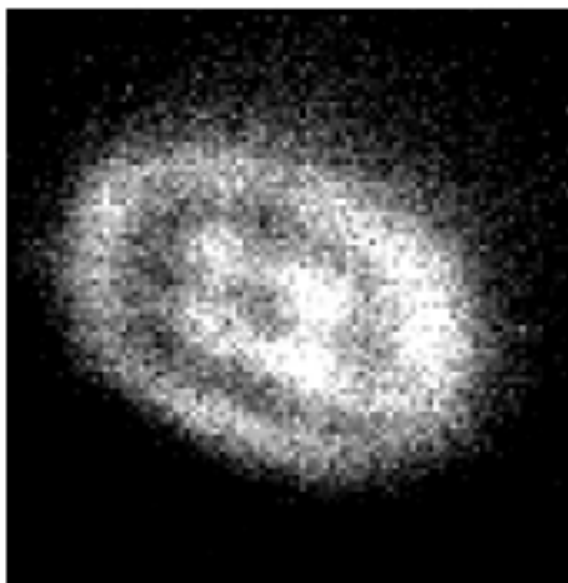
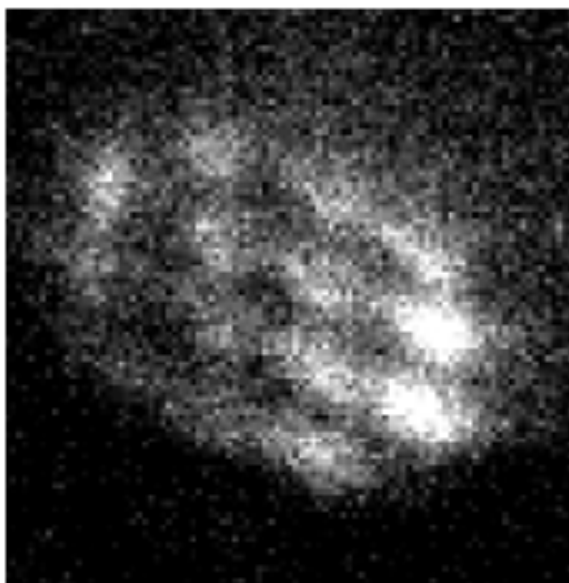
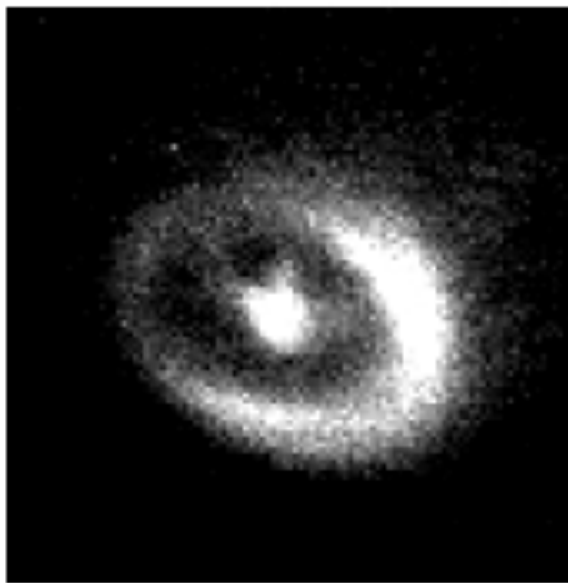
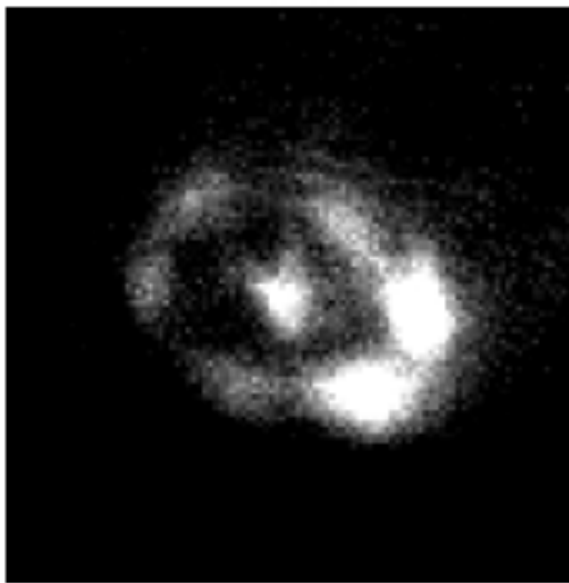
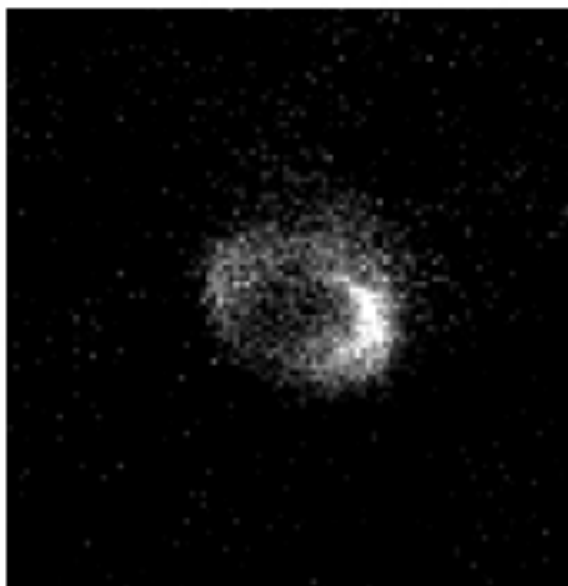
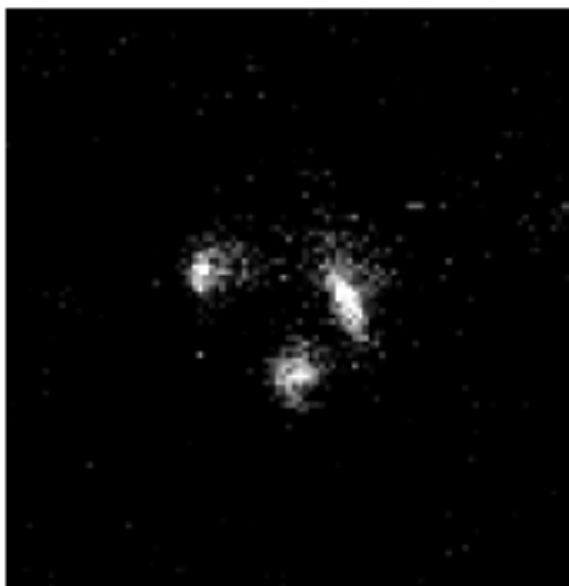


How to trap ions - voilà

Linear trap crystals



Ring trap crystals



videos and images of moving ions in segmented traps

Day Two

Part 3

Orbital angular momentum and selection rules in atoms

Twisting in the dark

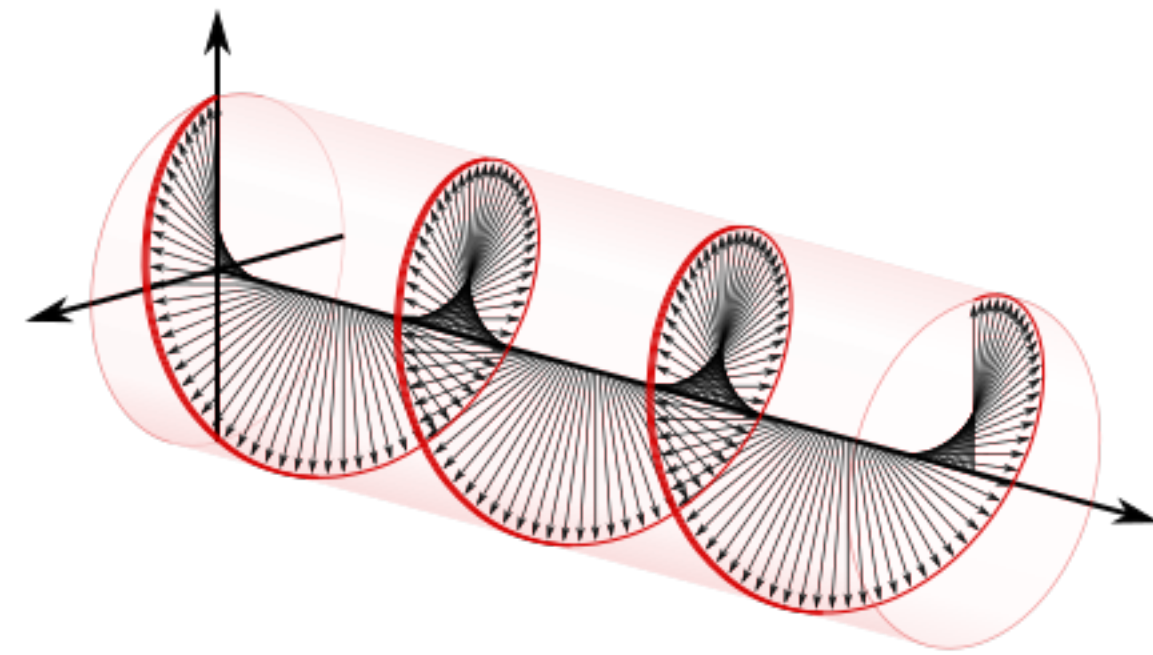
what about the (orbital) angular momentum?

Intrinsic, polarization

$$A = A_0(\hat{x} \pm i\hat{y})$$

$$\rightarrow J_z = \pm\hbar$$

$$\Delta m_J = \pm 1$$

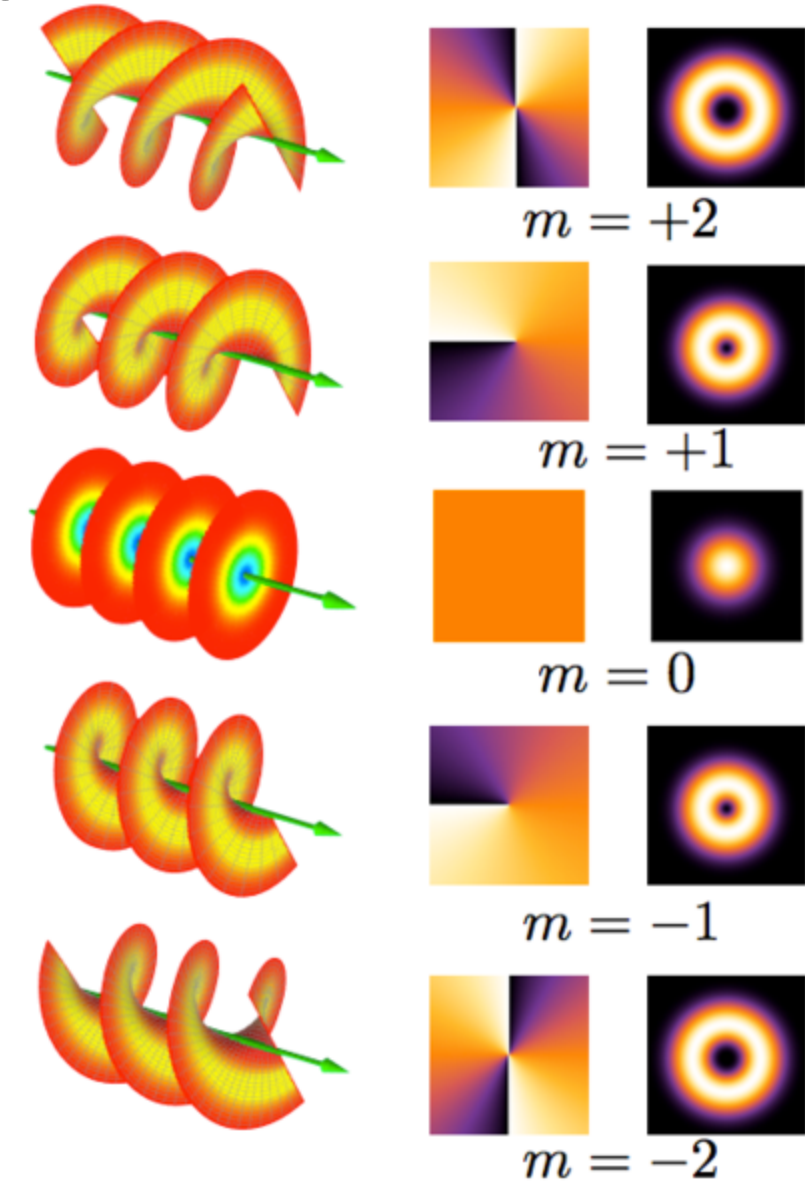


Extrinsic, orbital angular momentum

$$A = A_0(\hat{x} \pm i\hat{y})e^{il\phi}$$

$$\rightarrow J_z = \pm\hbar + l\hbar$$

$$\Delta m_J = \pm 1 + l \quad \dots ?$$



Historical remarks

- The experiments of Hanle & of Bär.
 - Anomalies in Raman scattering.
- The conclusion of Raman, Kastel and Cabannes.
 - Wait, recalculating!
- The experiments of Beth.
 - Let's go macroscopic.

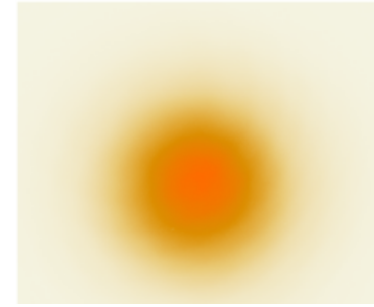
Historical remarks

- The paper PRA 45, 8185 (1992)
"Orbital angular momentum of light and the transformation of Laguerre-Gaussian laser modes"
by Allen, Beijersbergen, Spreeuw and Woerdman
- The first demonstration by H. Rubenstein-Dunlop
- The many failed attempts to observe optical activity.

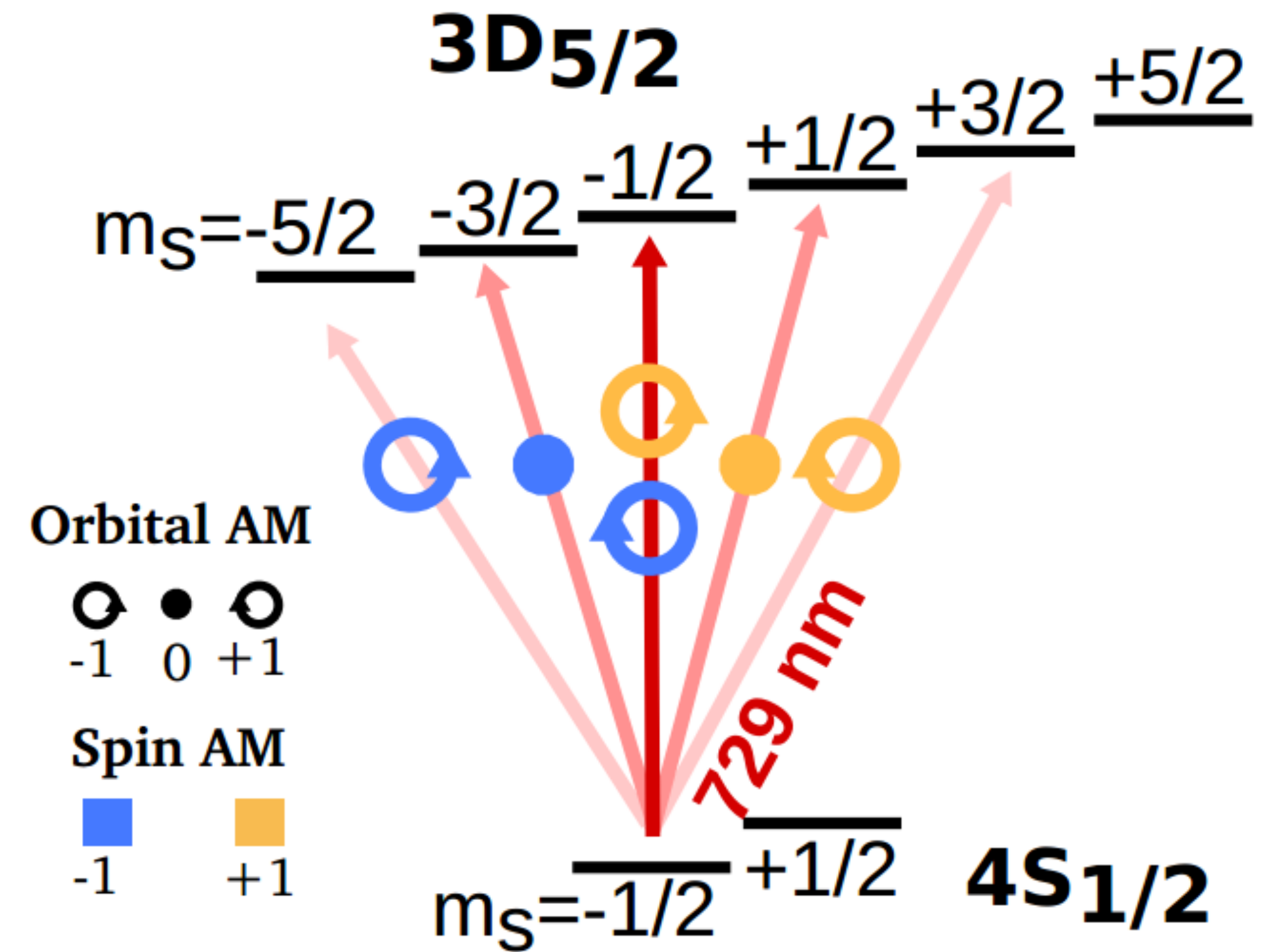
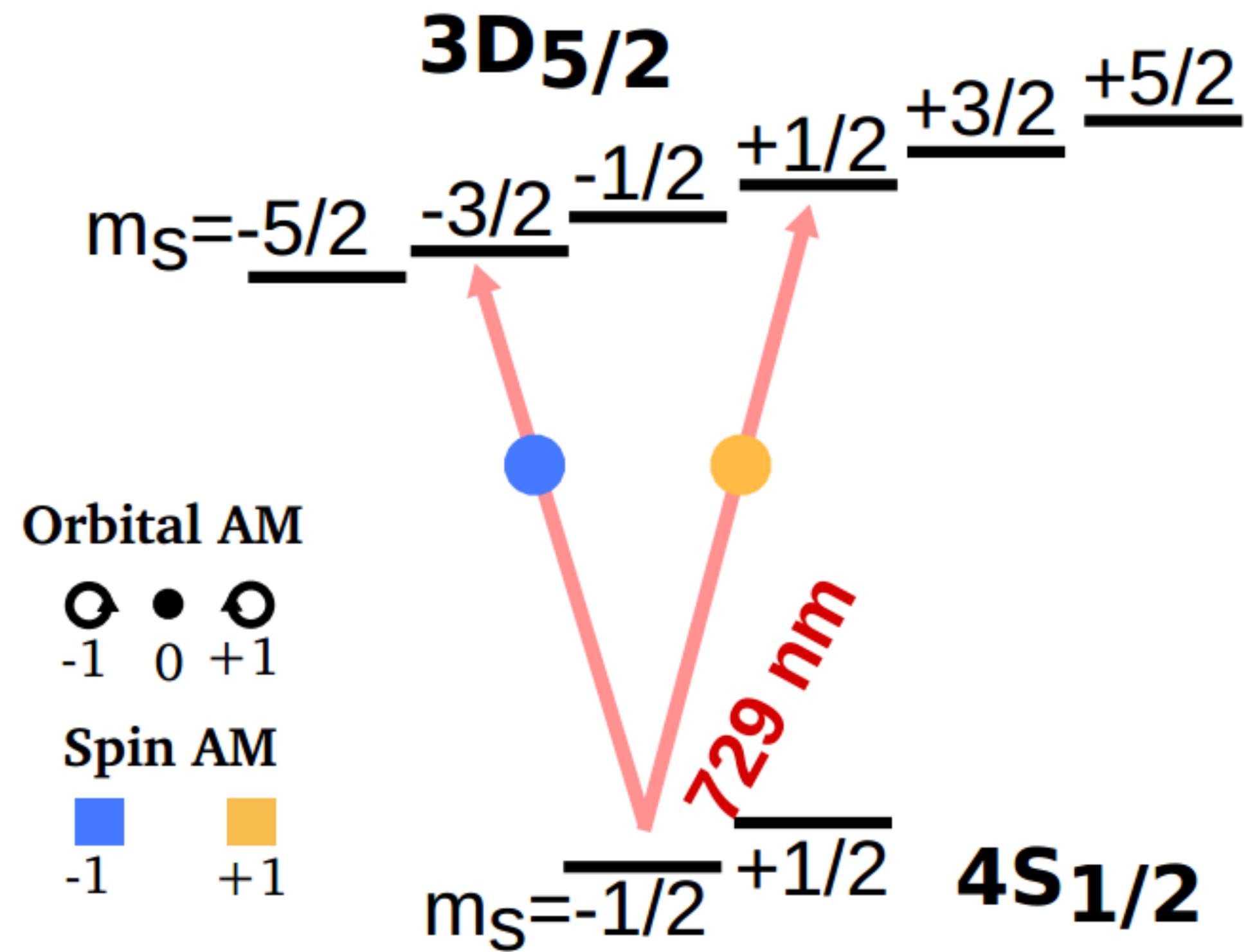
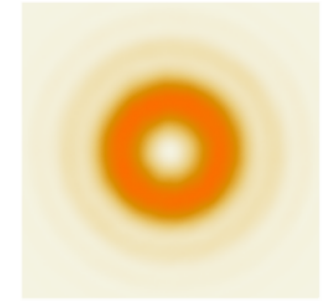
Twisting in the dark

selection rules, for a rotationally symmetric system $B||k$

only polarization



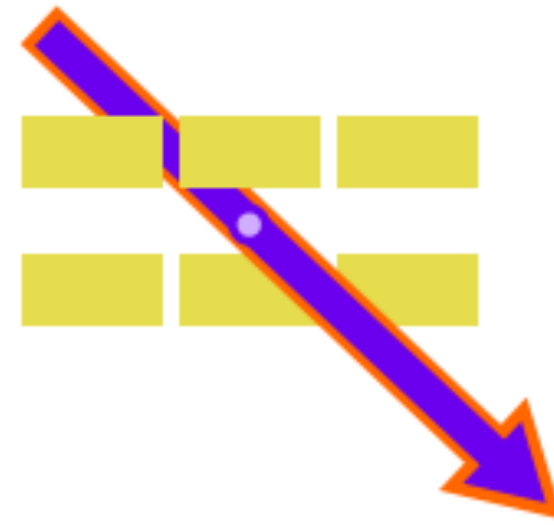
polarization + structure



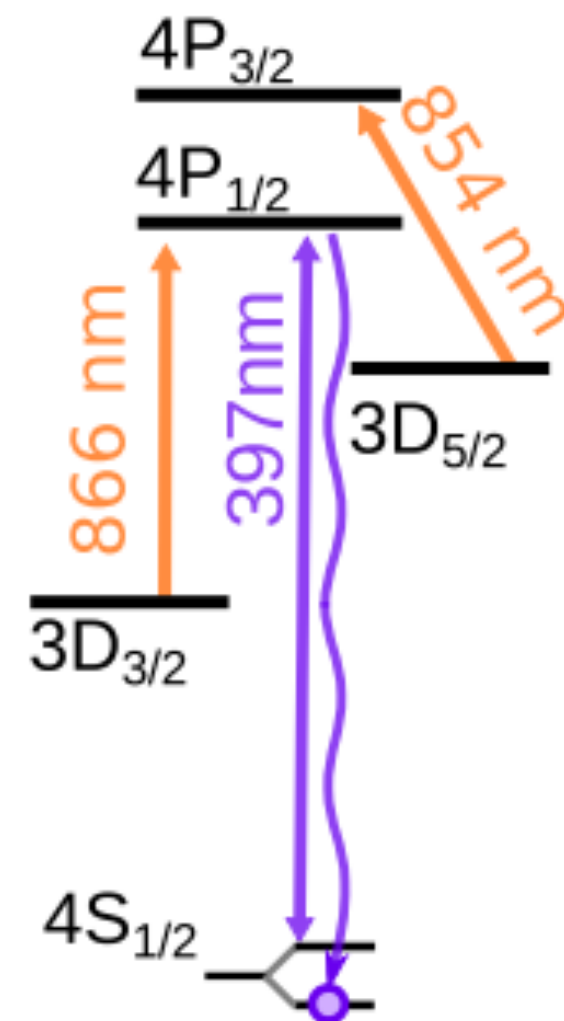
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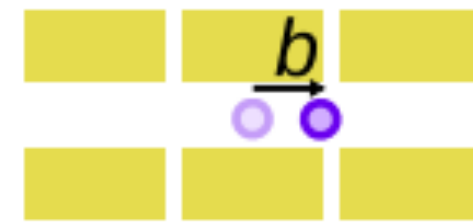
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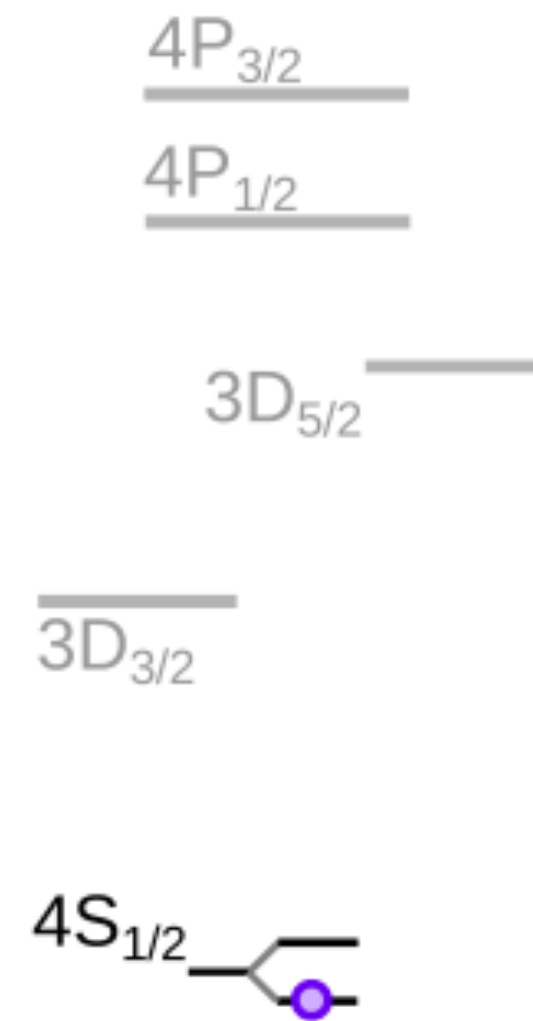
optical pumping



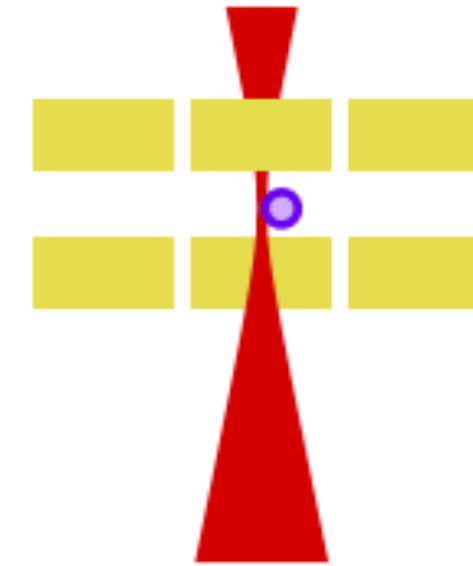
ii) displacement to probe position b



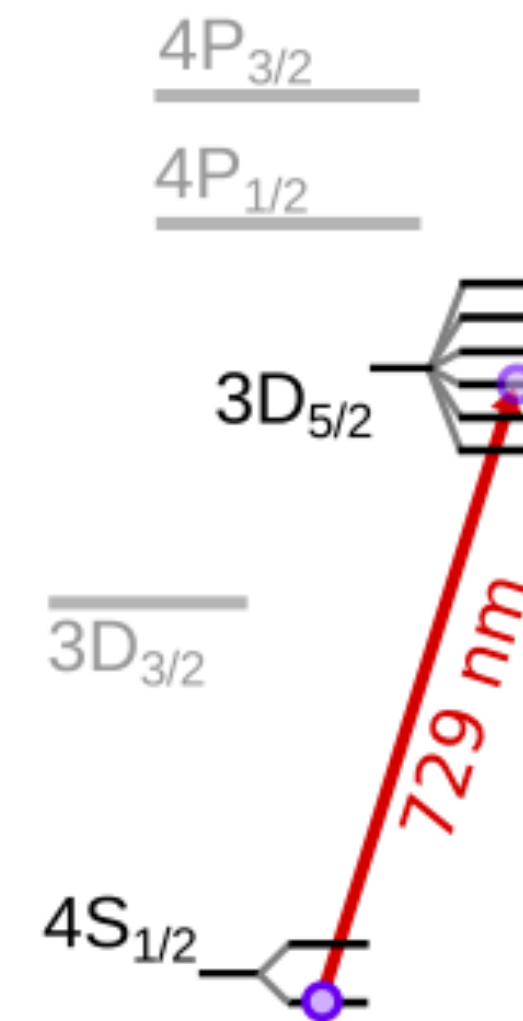
transport with electrode voltages



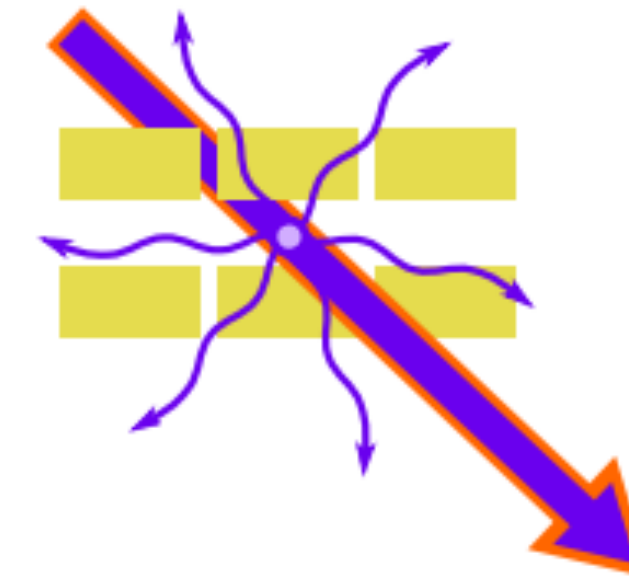
iii) excitation by vortex beam



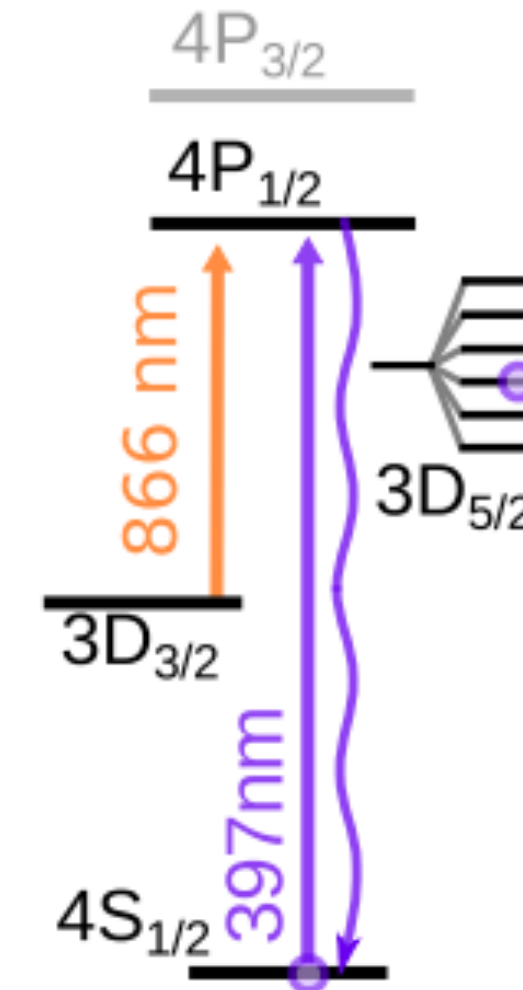
coheret Rabi oscillations



iv) displace back and detect

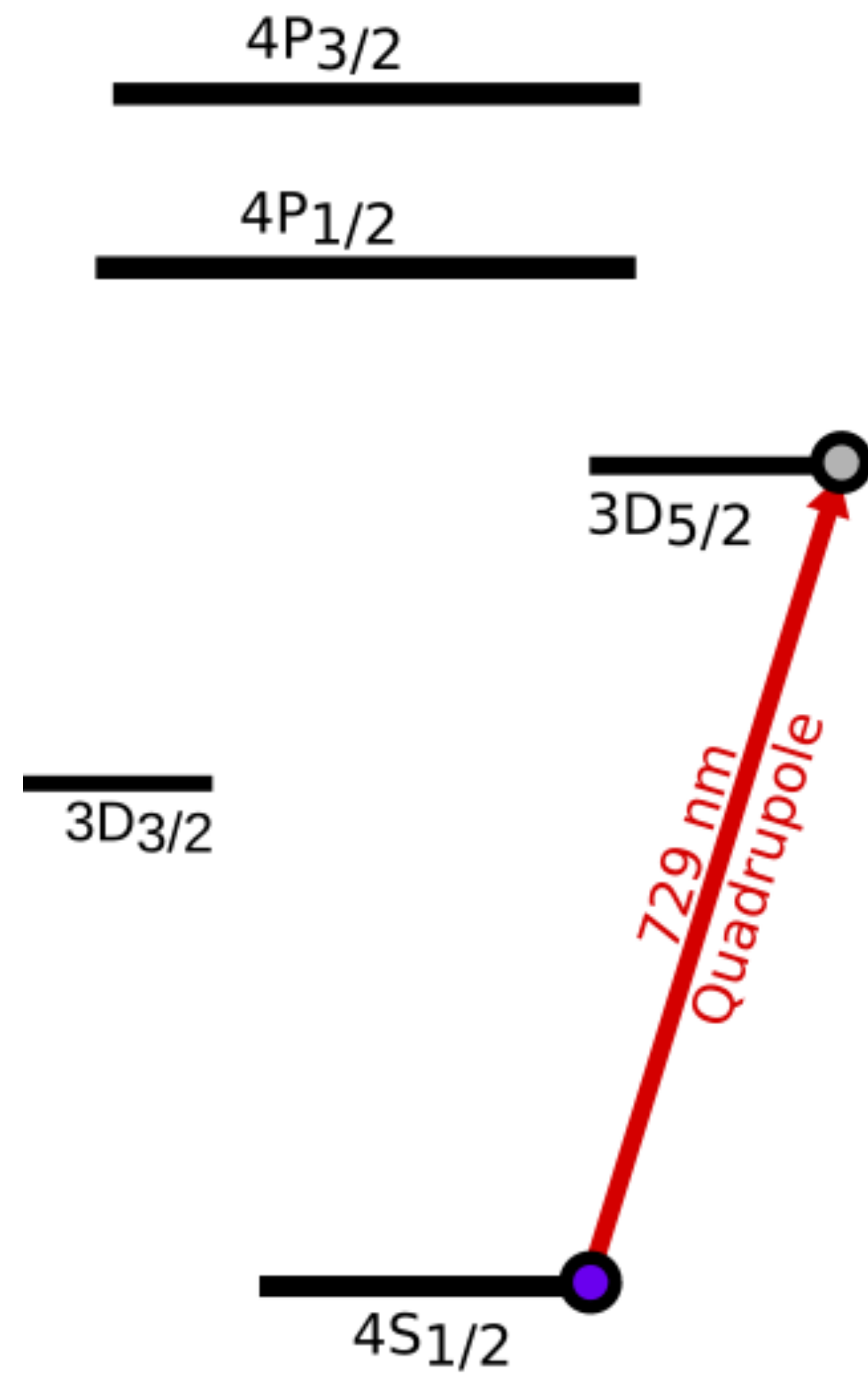


state-dependent fluorescence

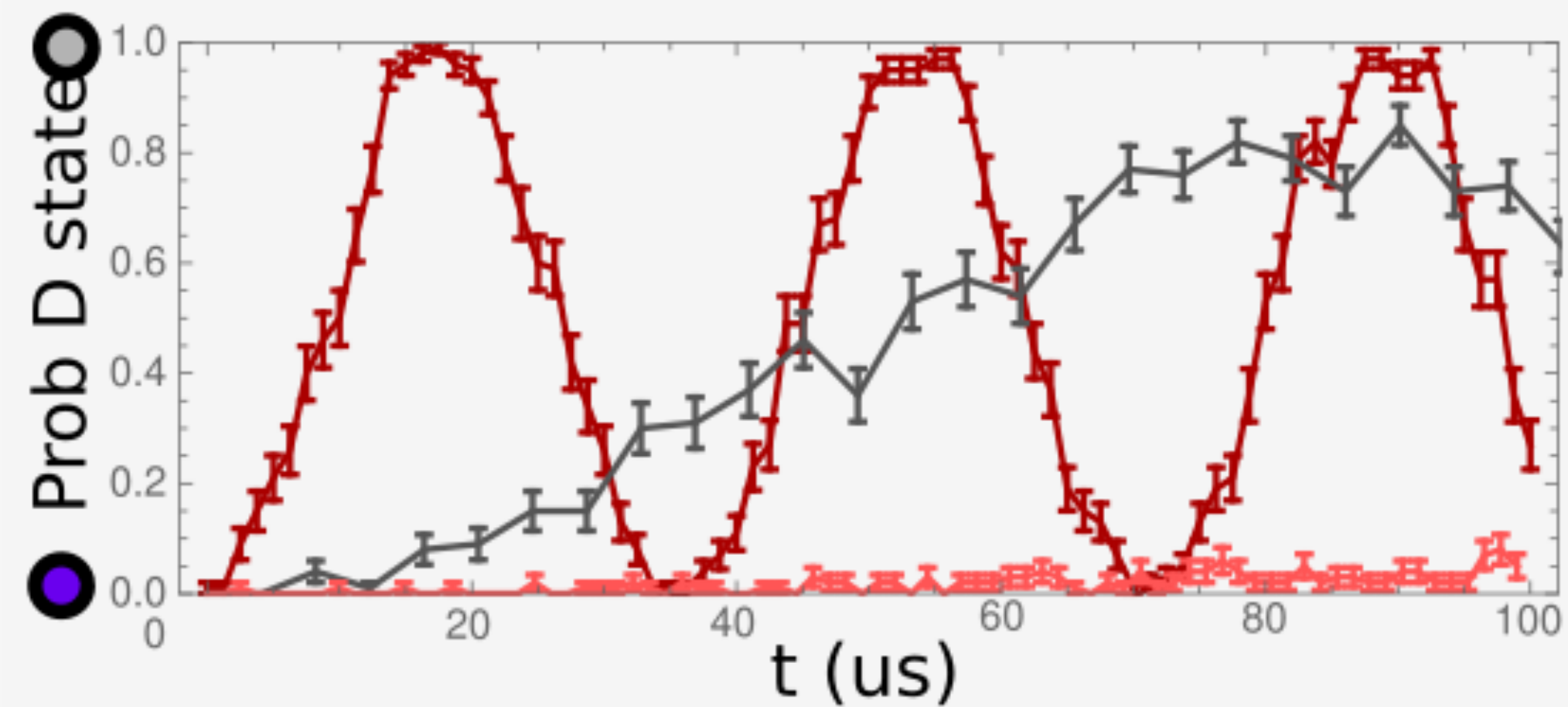
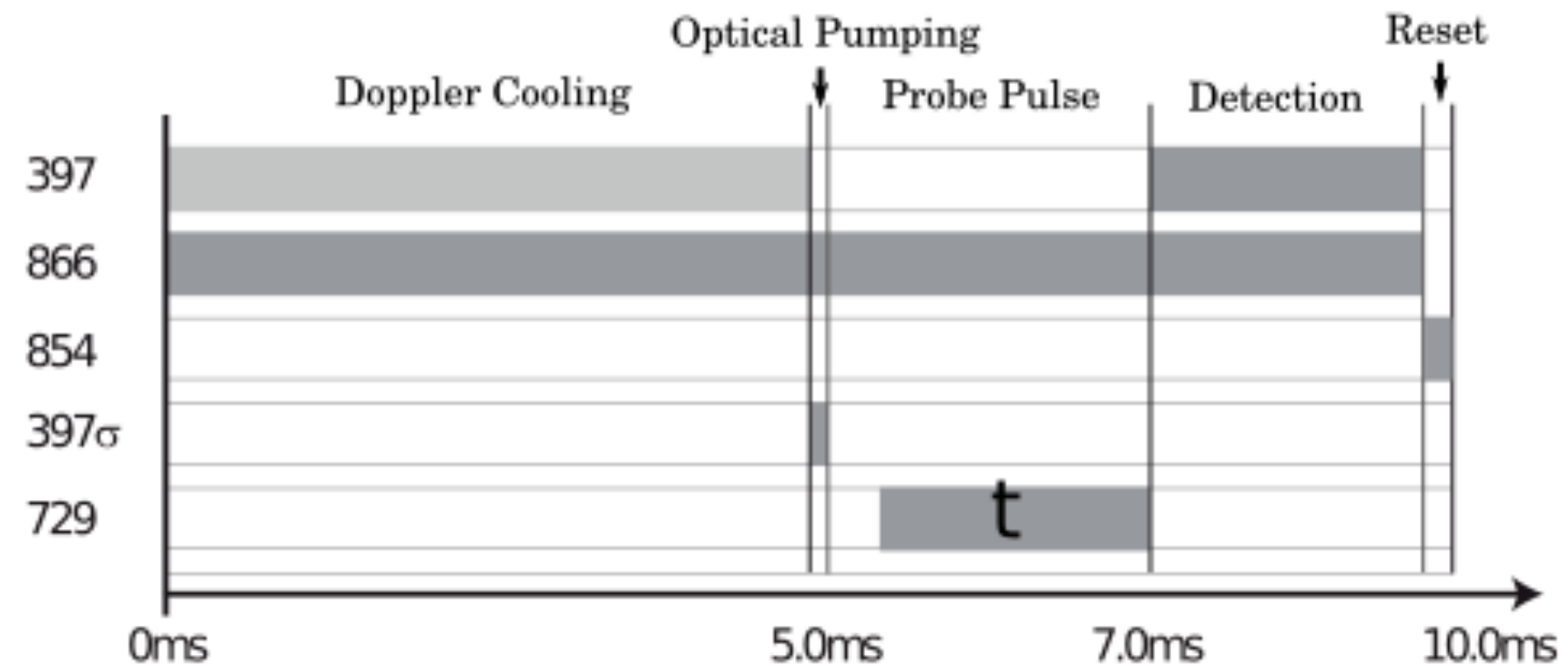


Twisting in the dark

selection rules, for a rotationally symmetric system $B||k$

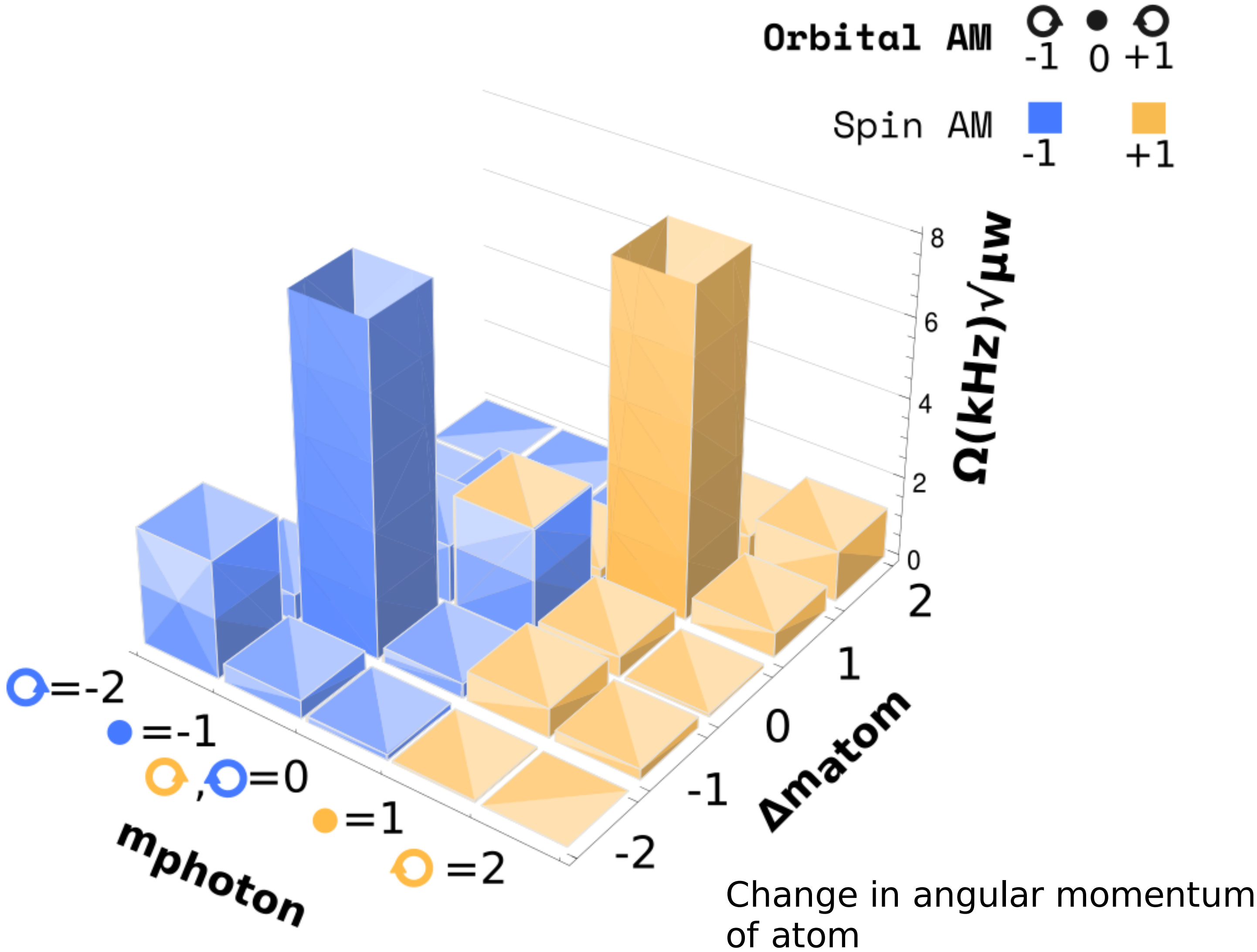


Experimental Sequence - Time Scan



Twisting in the dark Results

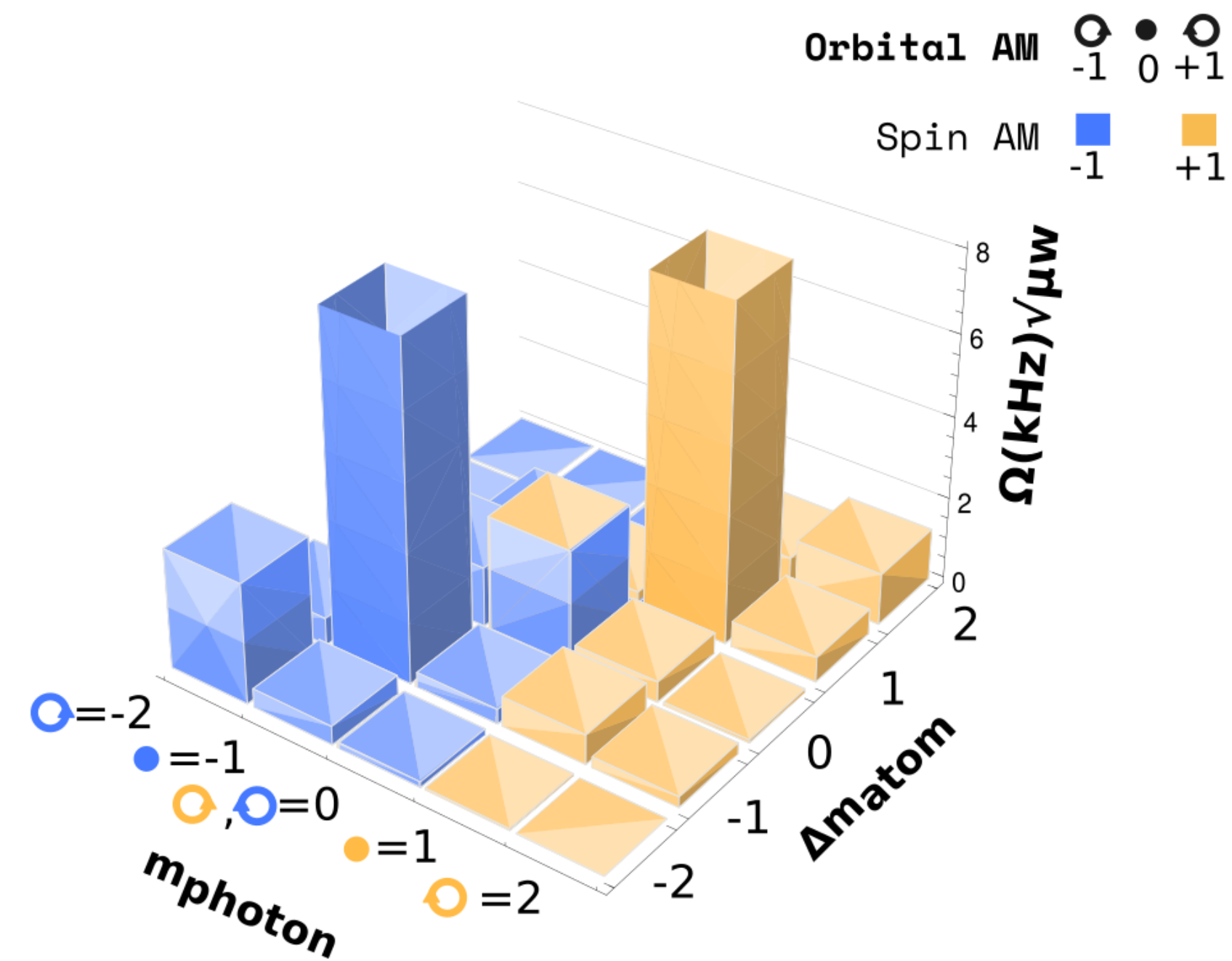
Rabi frequencies for each transition



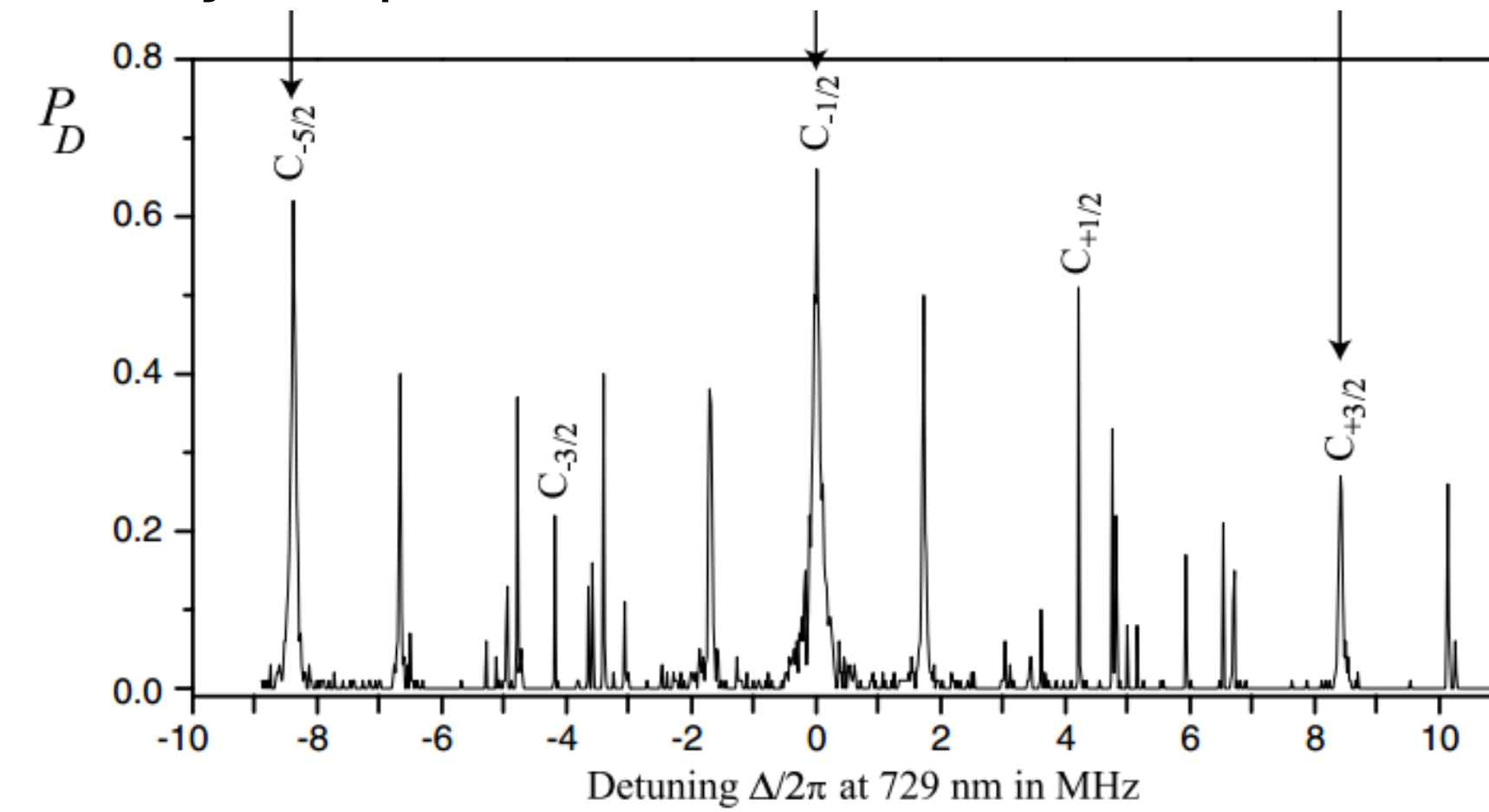
Angular momentum of photon

Twisting in the dark

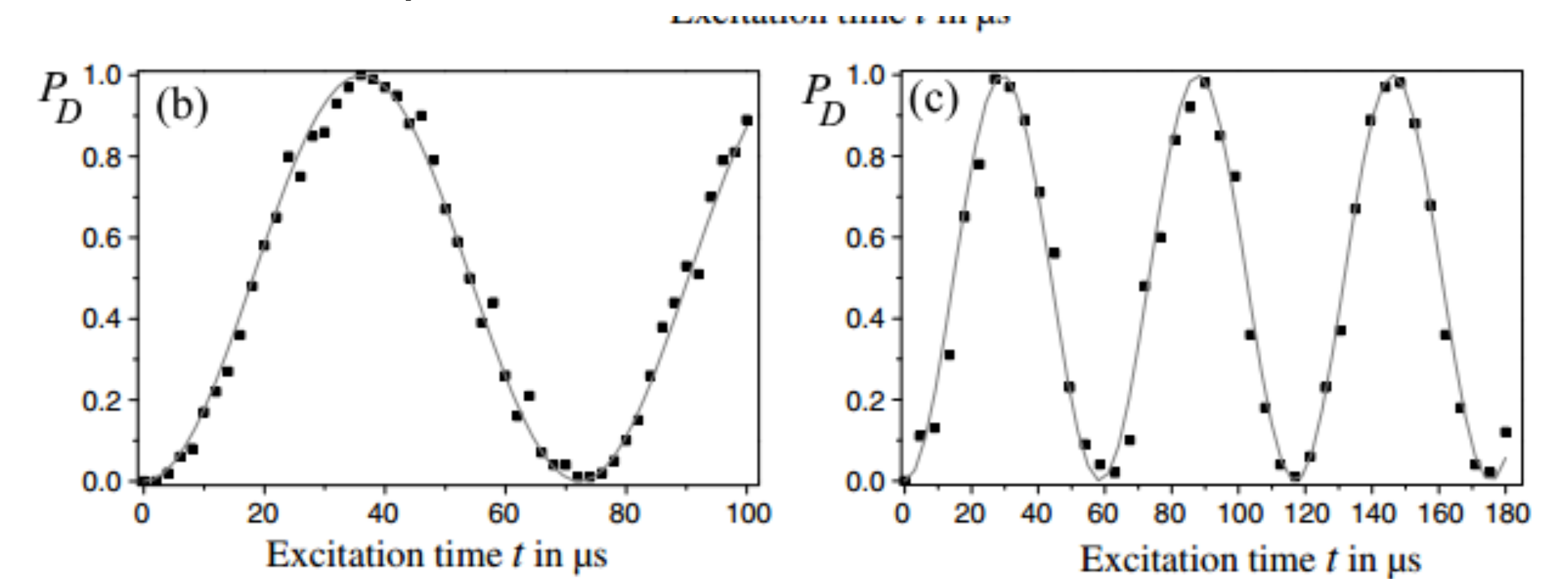
Extra. How we measure.



1) find your peaks for each transition



2) tune to each peak and measure Rabi oscillations



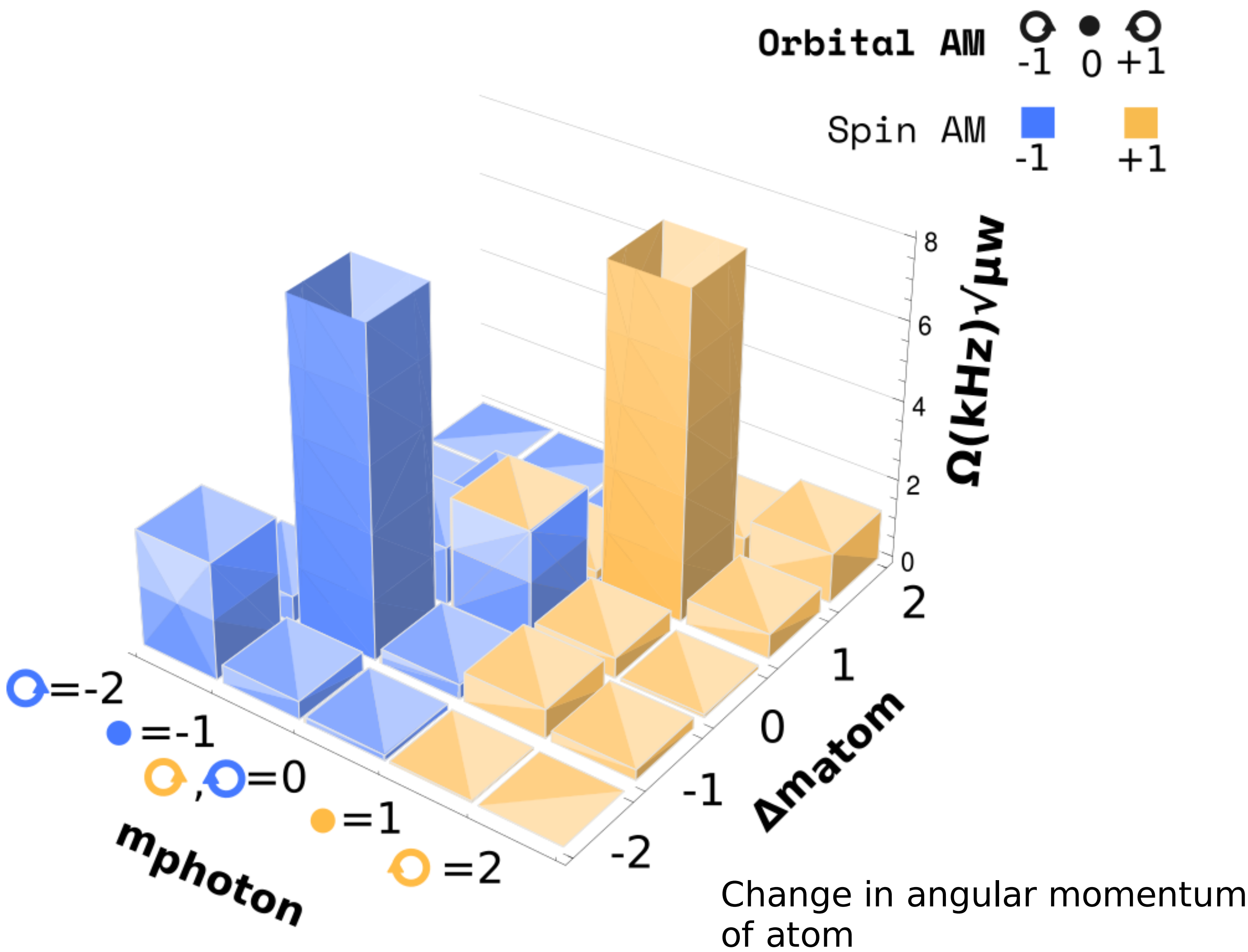
3) repeat for each SAM and OAM configuration

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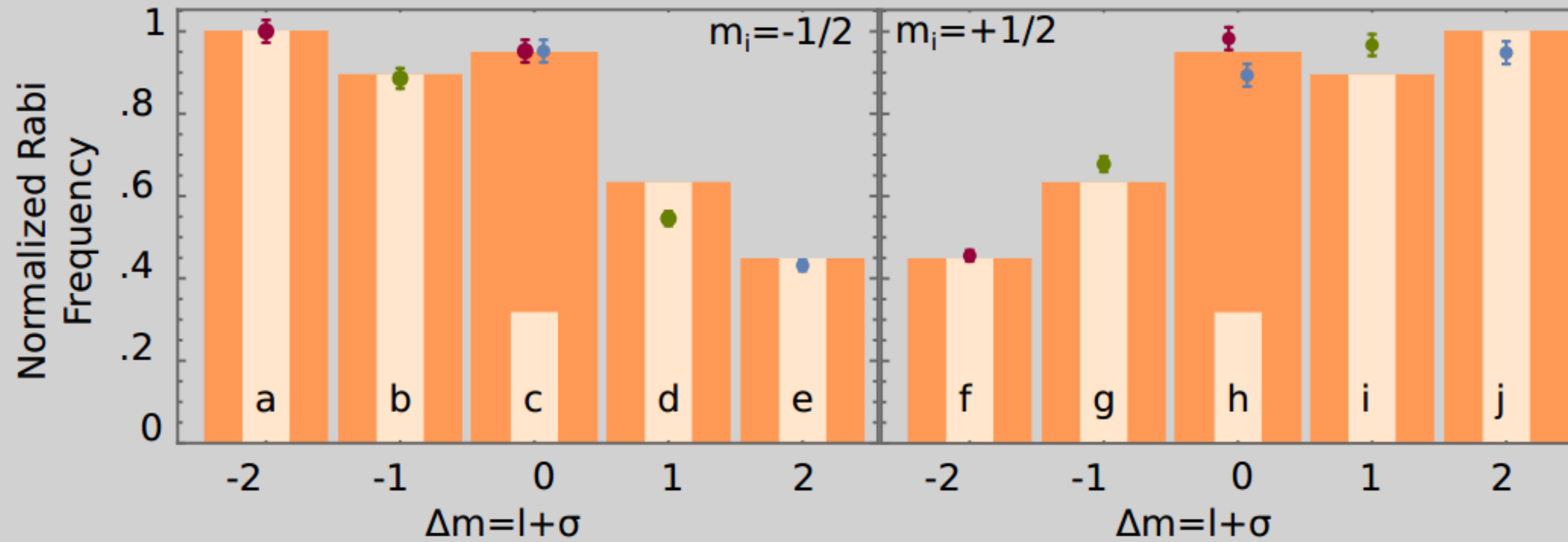
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Selection Rules account for Orbital Angular Momentum



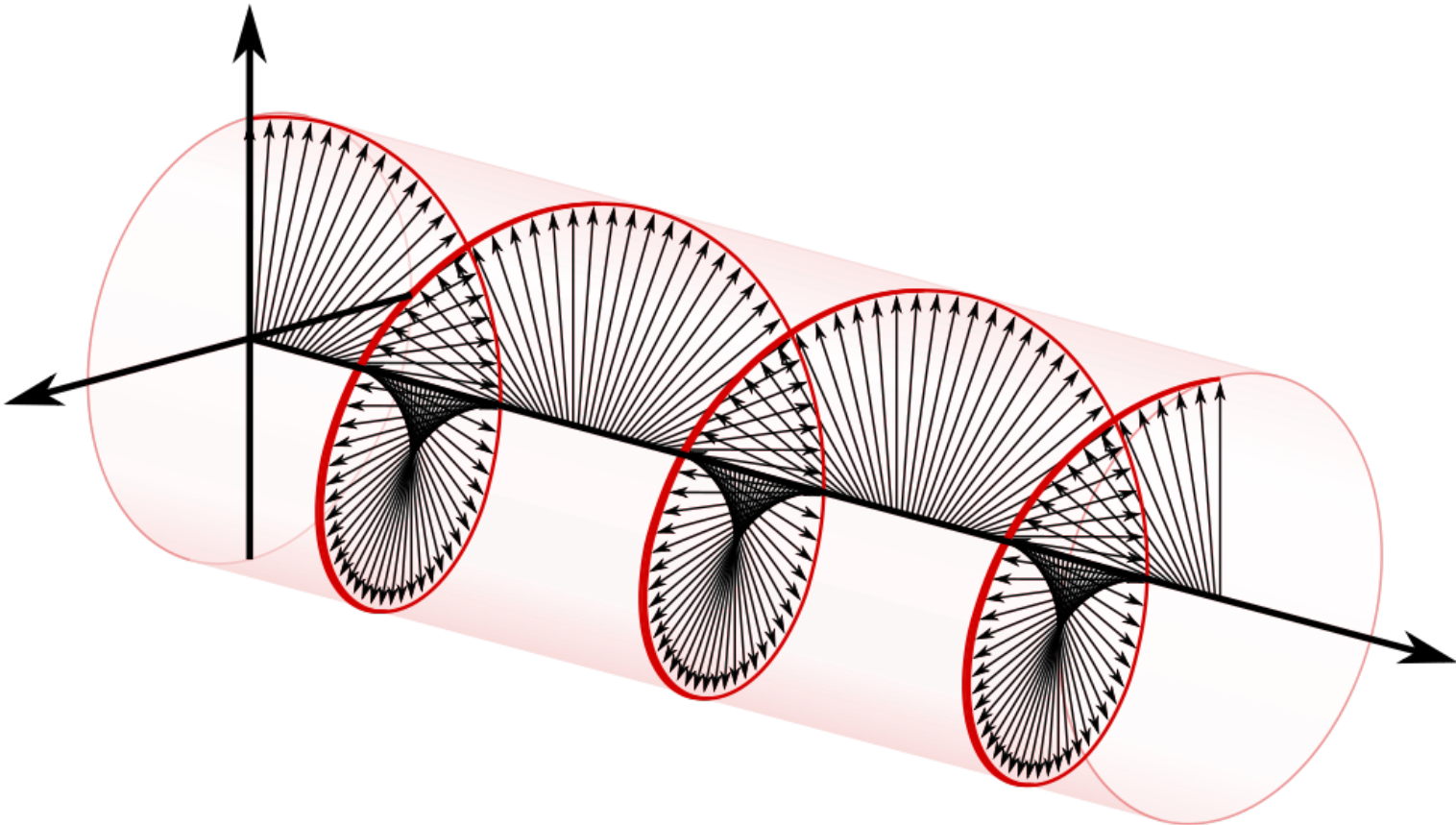
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Theory w/o E_z OAM Content 1 0 -1

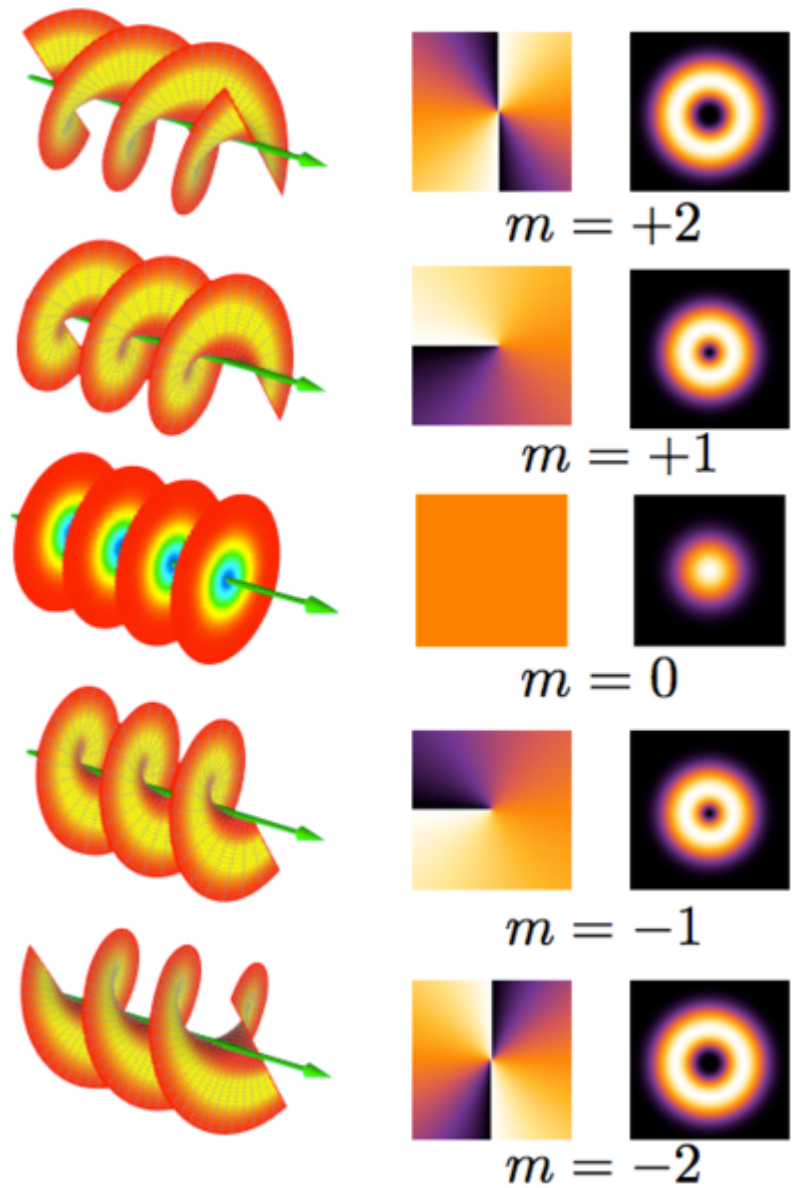
Stong Focusing of Beams - beyond the paraxial approximation

Focusing of LG beams with circular polarization

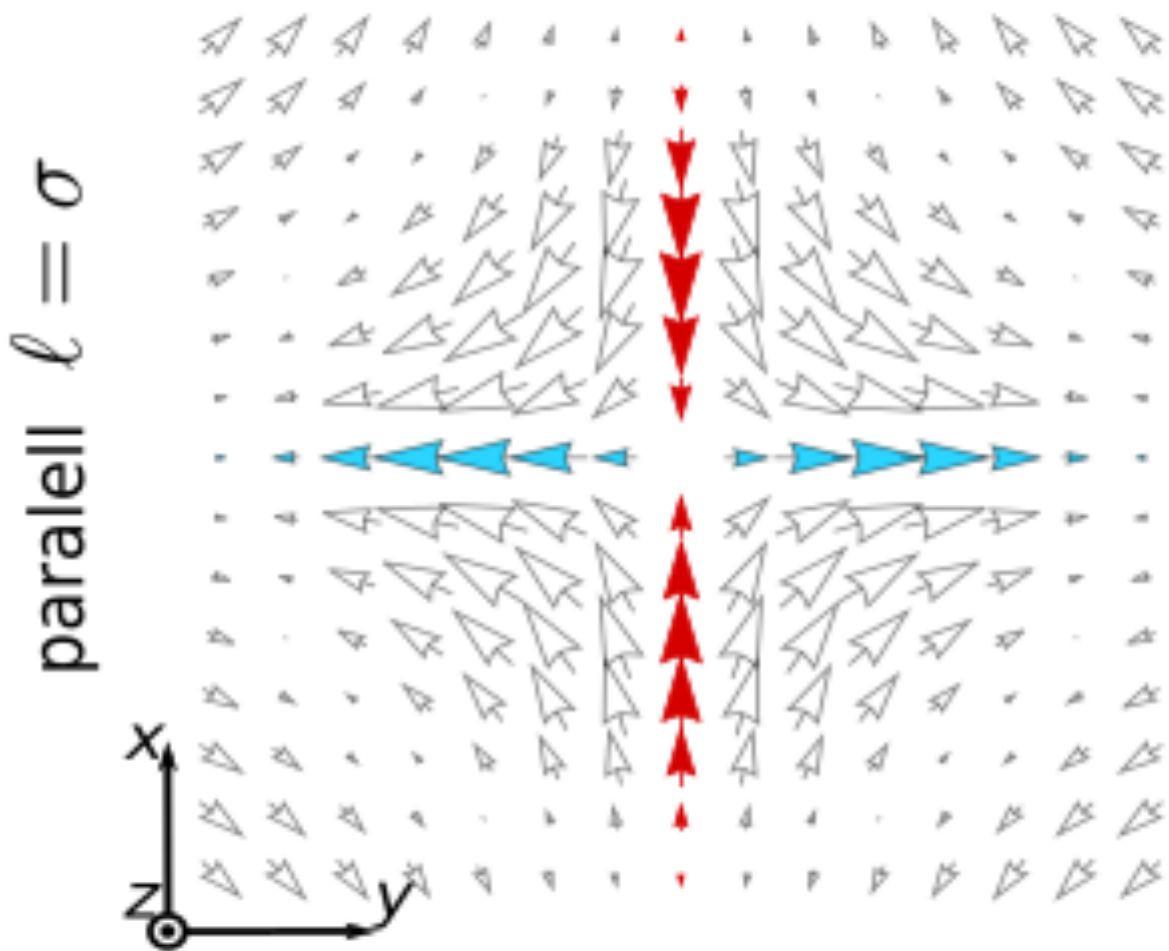
spin/polarization $\sigma = \pm 1$



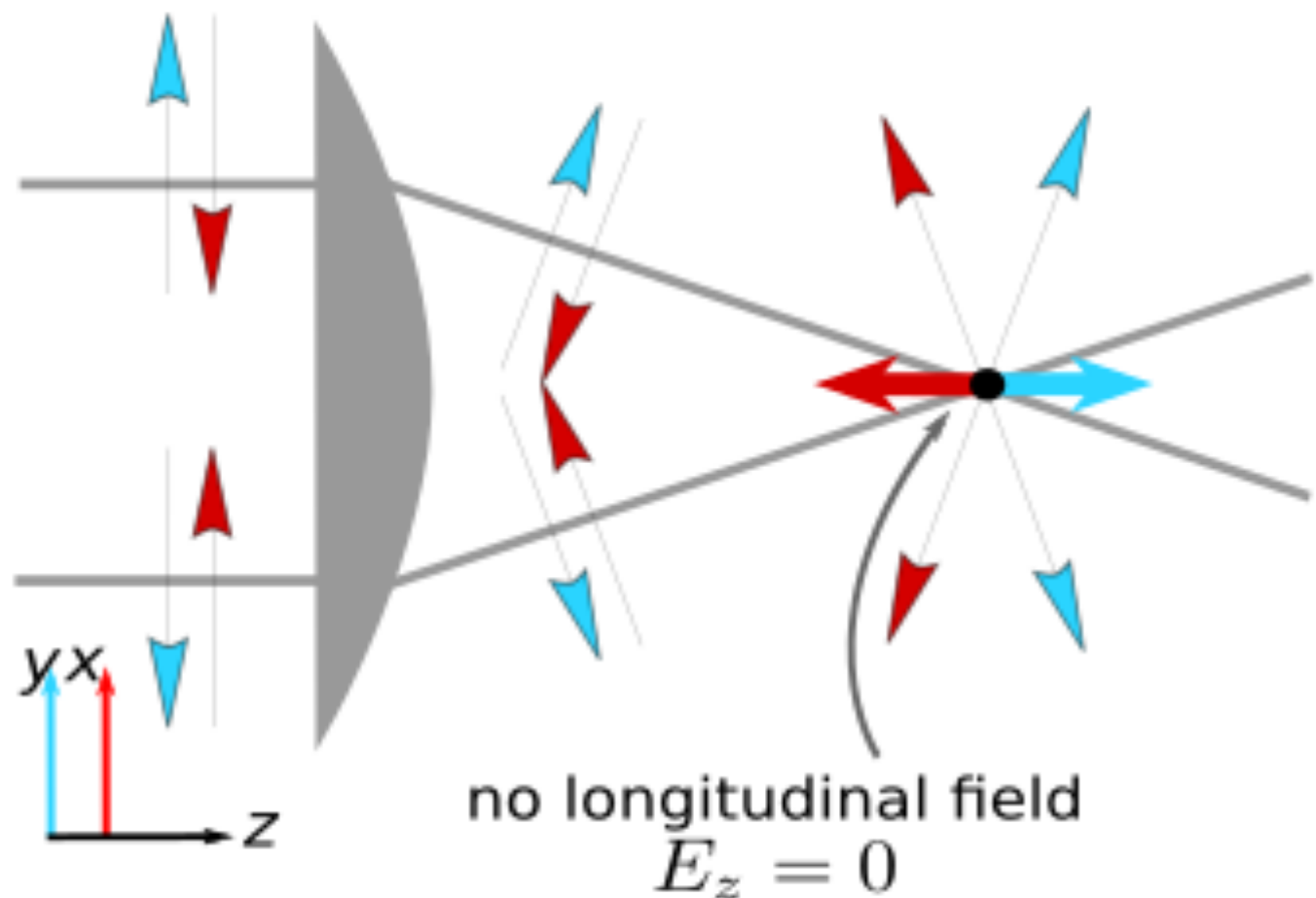
orbital/structure $\ell = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$



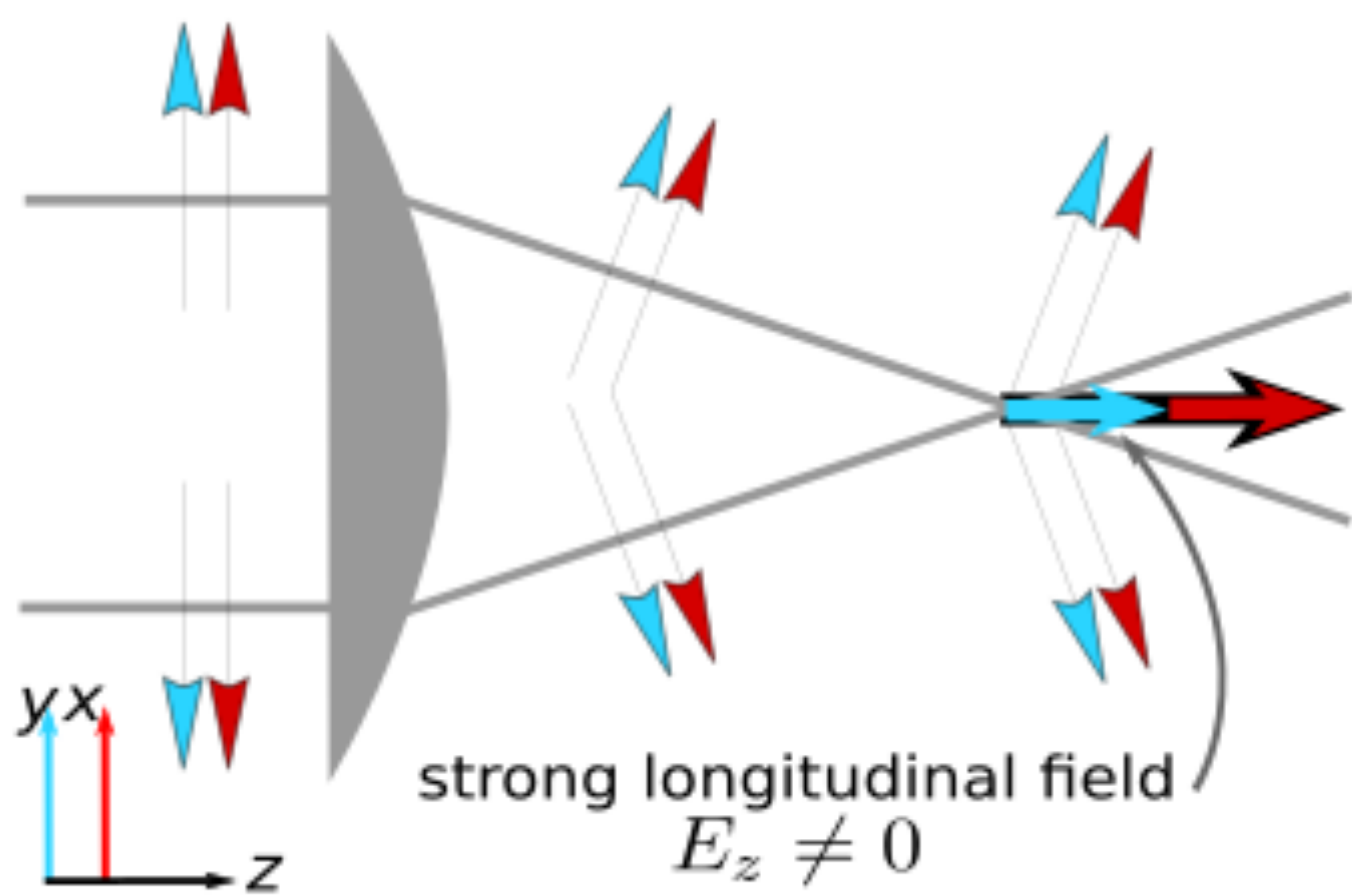
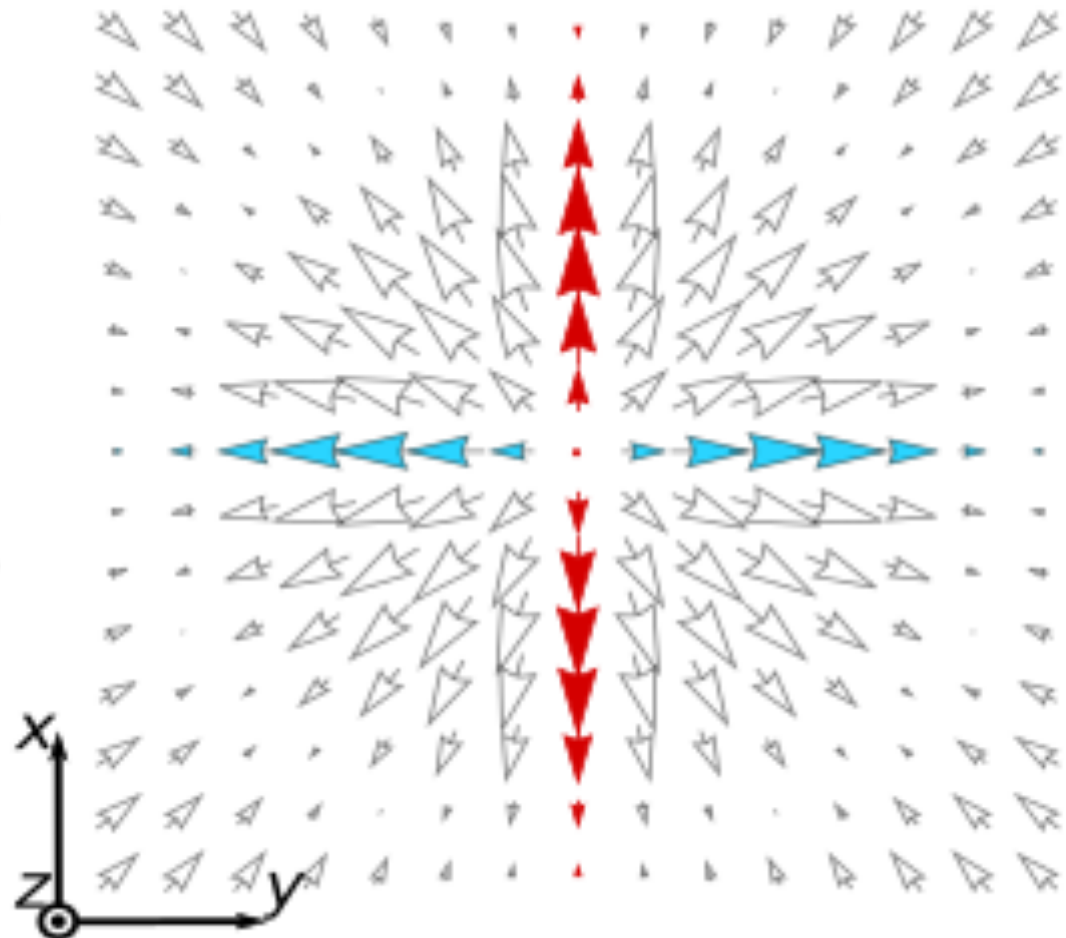
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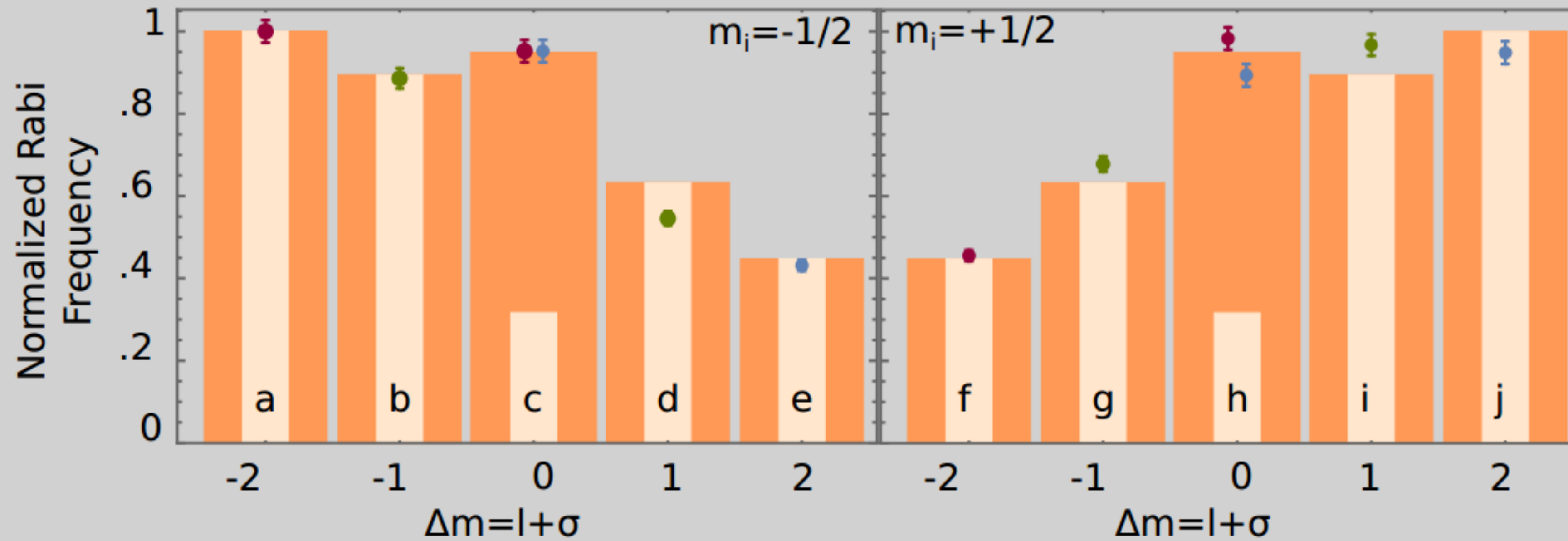
longitudinal cuts



antiparallel $\ell \neq \sigma$



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Day Two

Part 5

Optical Activity

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Light-Matter Interaction - optical activity

OPTICS

Resolving enantiomers using the optical angular momentum of twisted light

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Circular dichroism and optical rotation are crucial for the characterization of chiral molecules and are of importance to the study of pharmaceutical drugs, proteins, DNA, and many others. These techniques are based on the different interactions of enantiomers with circularly polarized components of plane wave light that carries spin angular momentum (SAM). For light carrying orbital angular momentum (OAM), for example, twisted or helical light, the consensus is that it cannot engage with the chirality of a molecular system as previous studies failed to demonstrate an interaction between optical OAM and chiral molecules. **Using unique nanoparticle aggregates, we prove that optical OAM can engage with materials' chirality and discriminate between enantiomers.** Further, theoretical results show that compared to circular dichroism, mainly based on magnetic dipole contributions, the OAM analog helical dichroism (HD) is critically dependent on fundamentally different chiral electric quadrupole contributions. Our work opens new venues to study chirality and can find application in sensing and chiral spectroscopy.

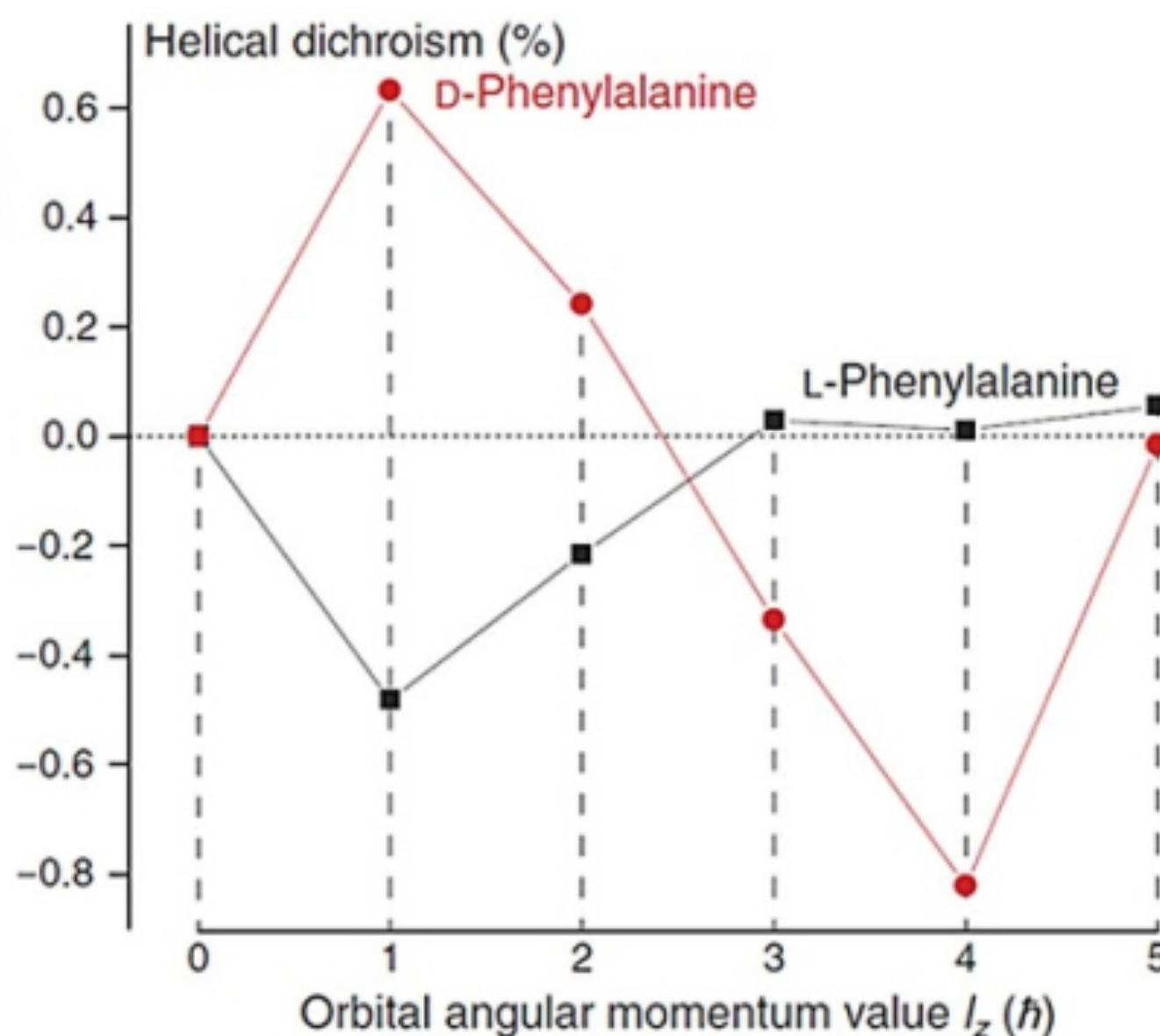
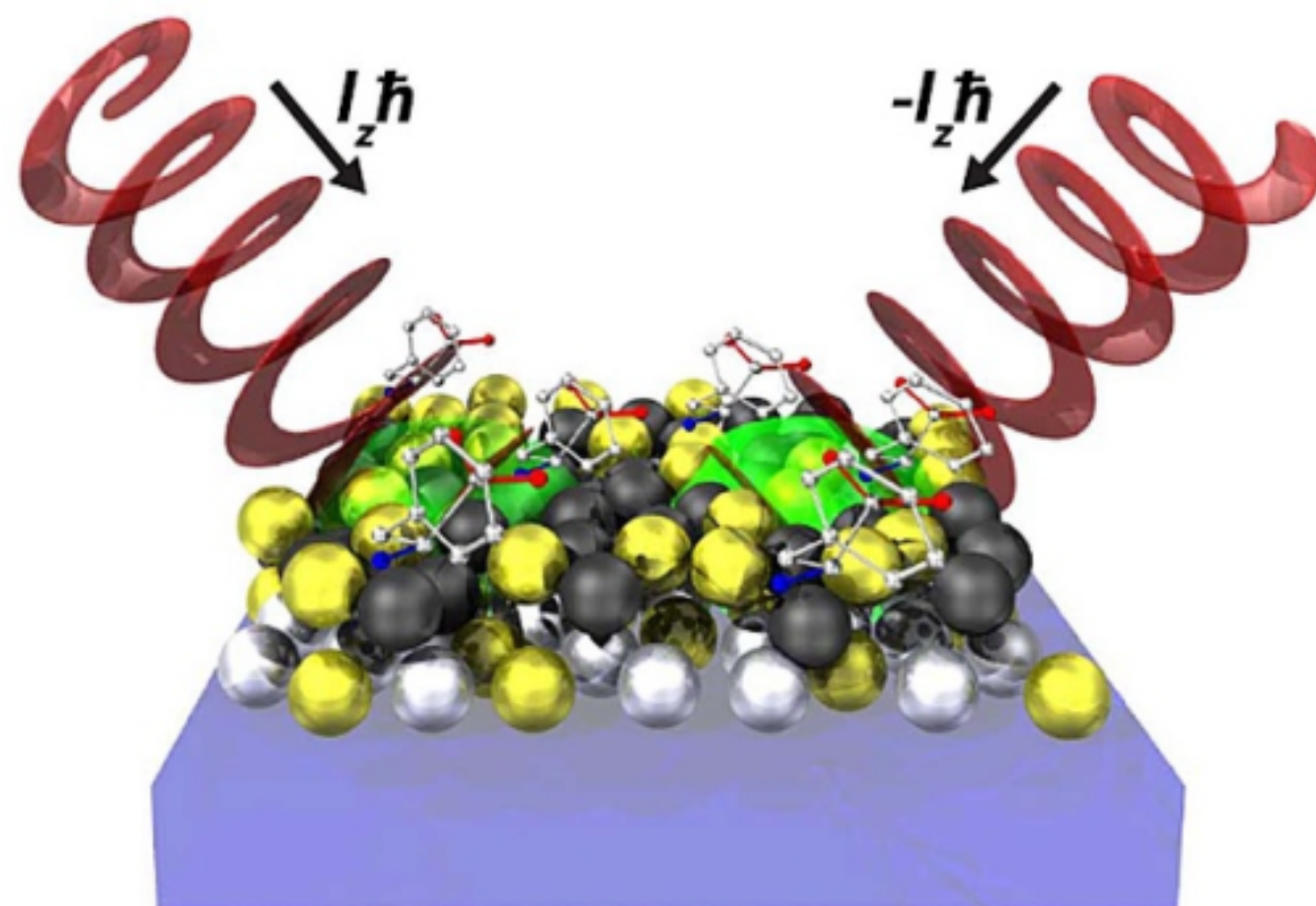


Figure 8. Left: In this schematic (not-to-scale), the right- and left-handed LG beams (red) interact differently (green shade) with chiral molecules (stick-and-ball models) adsorbed to the nanoparticle aggregates. Right: VD measurements as a function of OAM value, exhibiting the difference in transmission for right- and left-handed vortex light with clear discrimination between molecular enantiomers. Reproduced from [80] (CC BY 4.0), where what we term vortex dichroism is called helical dichroism.

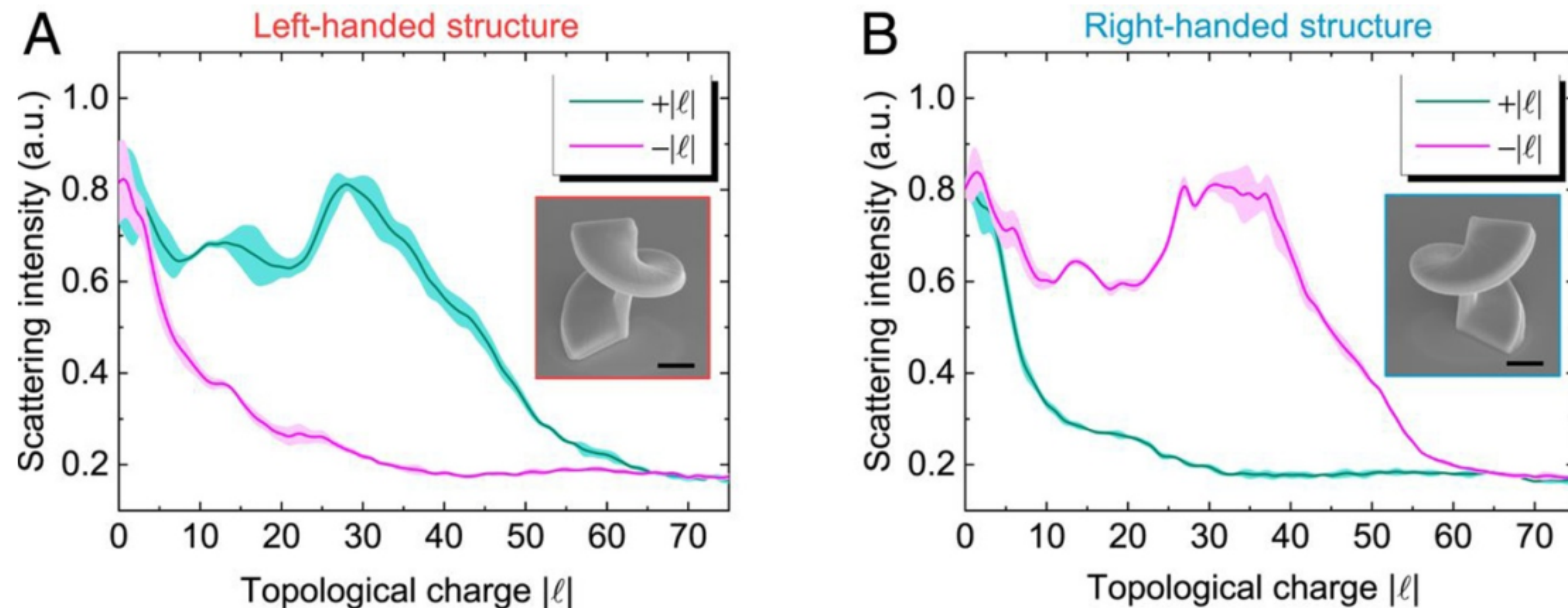
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Gigantic vortical differential scattering as a monochromatic probe for multiscale chiral structures

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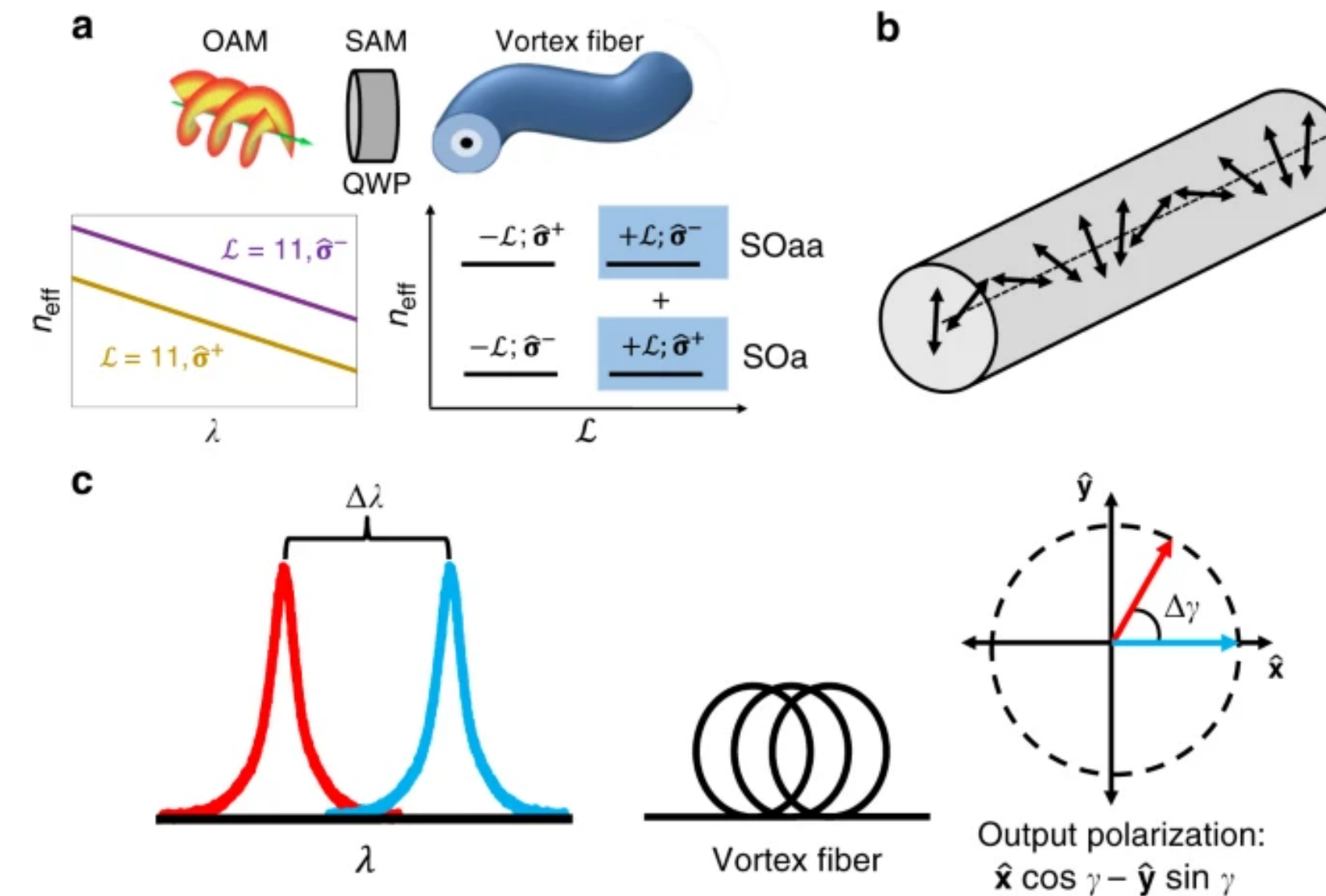
High resolution spectral metrology leveraging topologically enhanced optical activity in fibers

[Aaron P. Greenberg](#), [Gautam Prabhakar](#) & [Siddharth Ramachandran](#) ✉

[Nature Communications](#) **11**, Article number: 5257 (2020) | [Cite this article](#)

OAM sorting through SOAM OAM coupling in "vortex" fibers.

Fig. 1: Vortex fiber superposition phenomena.



BUT WAIT!

Then any AOM mode sorter is an optically active material.

See review:

Orbital angular momentum of twisted light: chirality and optical activity

Kayn A Forbes and David L Andrews 2021 J. Phys. Photonics 3 022007

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Tomorrow

Day Two

Part 4

AC Stark Shifts

AC Stark Shift, Autler-Townes effect hamiltonian and time evolution

Hamiltonian

$$H = H_0 + H_{\text{int}}$$

$$H_0 = \sigma_z \frac{\hbar\omega_a}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar\omega_a}{2} |e\rangle\langle e| - \frac{\hbar\omega_a}{2} |g\rangle\langle g|$$

$$H_{\text{int}} = \hbar\Omega \sigma_x \cos(\omega_l t)$$

Going to a frame rotating as...

$$U = \exp\{-i\sigma_z(\omega_l - \delta)t/2\}$$

The hamiltonian, transforms, in the rotating wave approximation to:

$$H' \approx \frac{\hbar\delta}{2} \sigma_z + \hbar\Omega \sigma_x$$

$$H' \approx \hbar\Omega' \left(\frac{\delta}{2\Omega'} \sigma_z + \frac{\Omega}{\Omega'} \sigma_x \right) \quad \text{where } \Omega' = \sqrt{\Omega^2 + \delta^2/4}$$

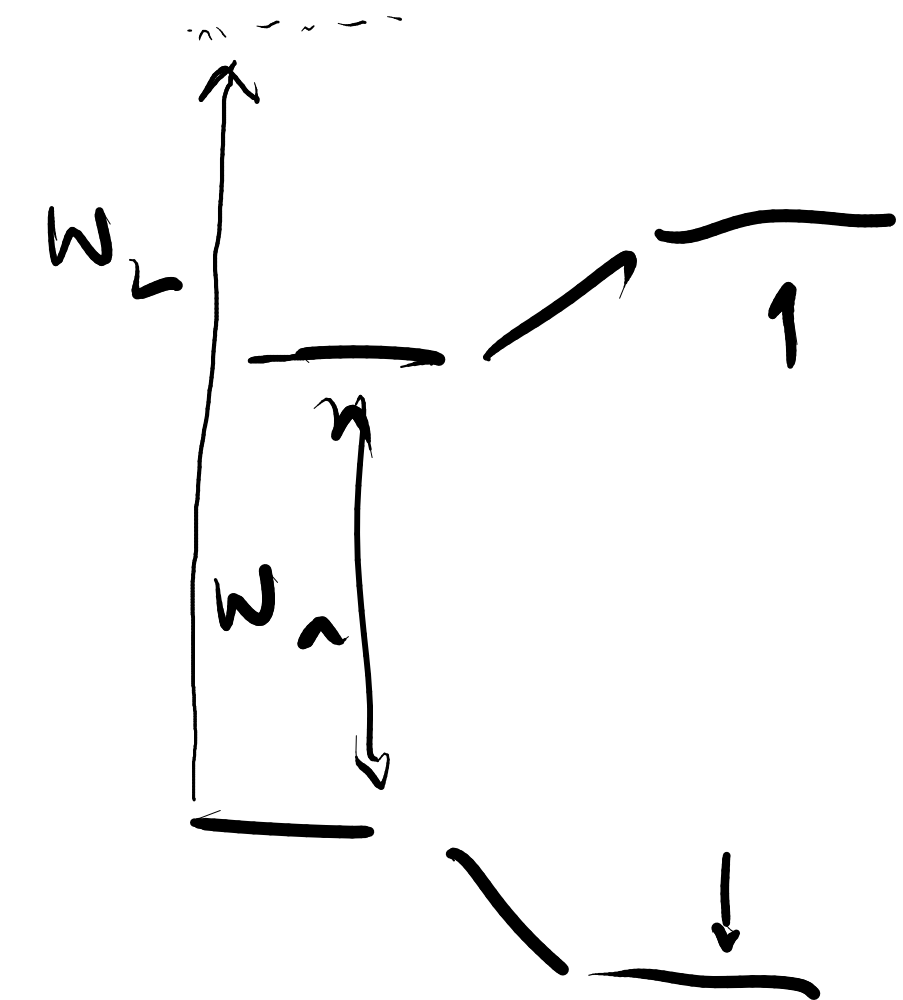
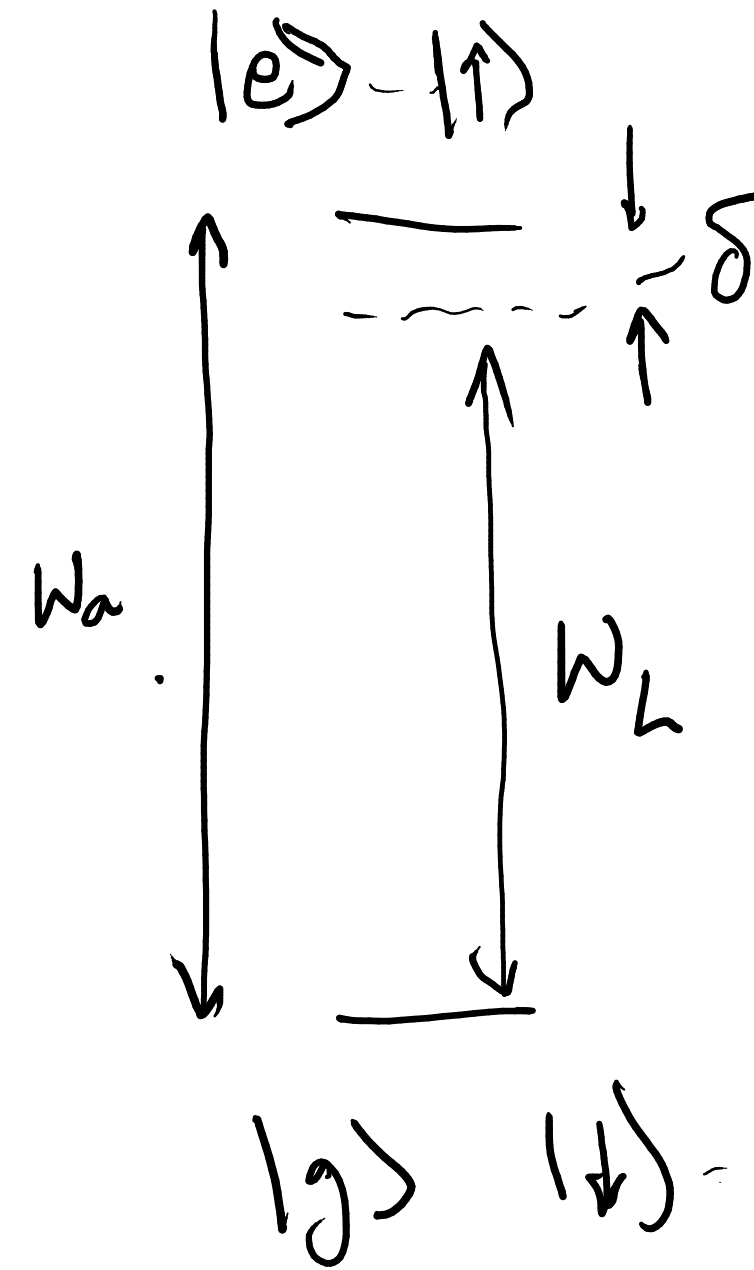
when $\delta \gg \Omega$

$$H' \approx \hbar\Omega' \left(\frac{\delta}{2\Omega'} \sigma_z + \frac{\Omega}{\Omega'} \sigma_x \right)$$

$$\Omega' \rightarrow \frac{\delta^2}{2} + \frac{\Omega^2}{\delta}$$

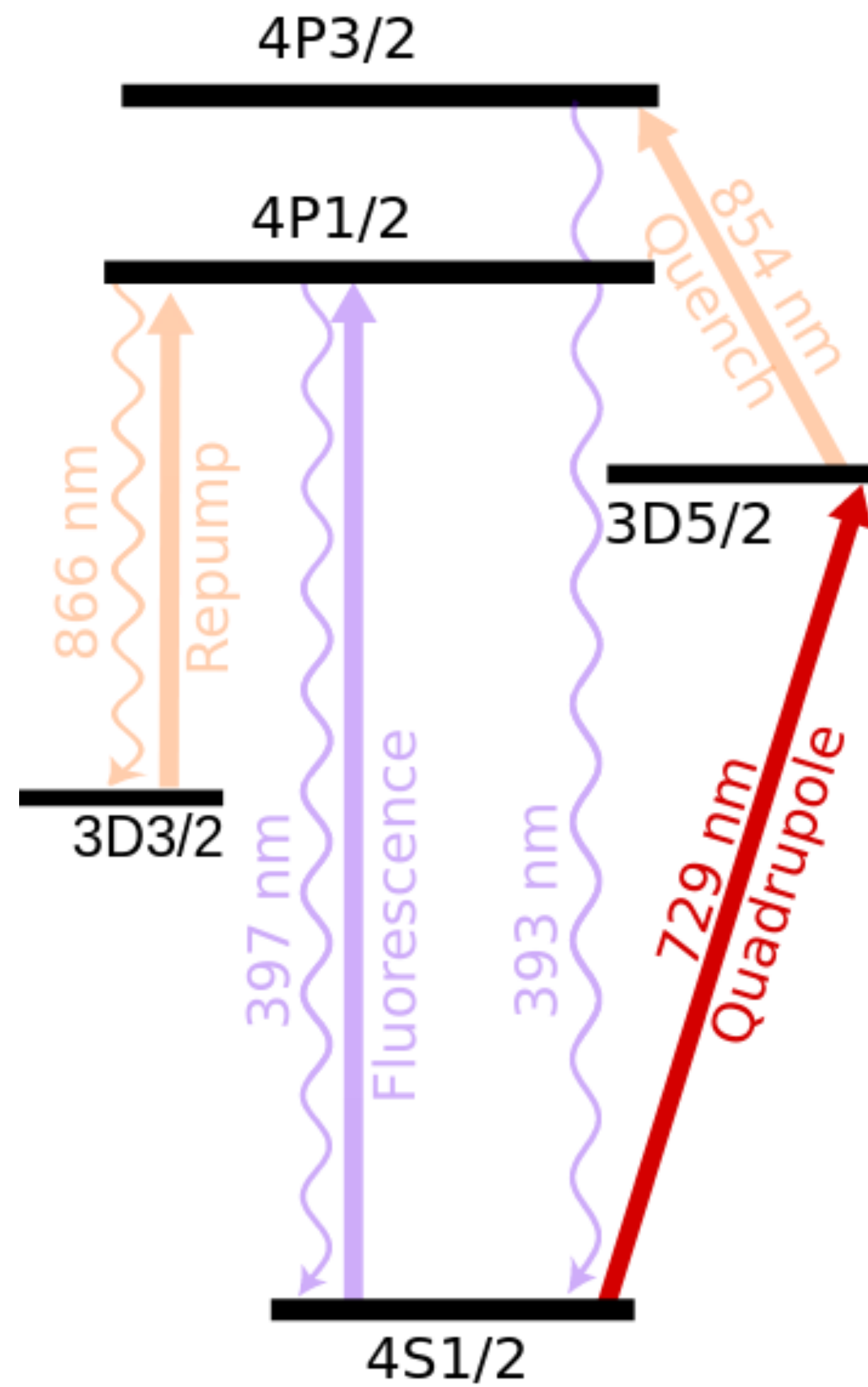
Trasforming back

$$H = \sigma_z \left(\frac{\hbar\omega_a}{2} + \frac{\Omega^2}{\delta} \right)$$



AC Stark Shift problems and applications

Problems for frequency standards



We demonstrated a reduction in the AC stark shif of $\sim 40x$

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Problems for frequency standards

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Excitation of an Electric Octupole Transition by Twisted Light

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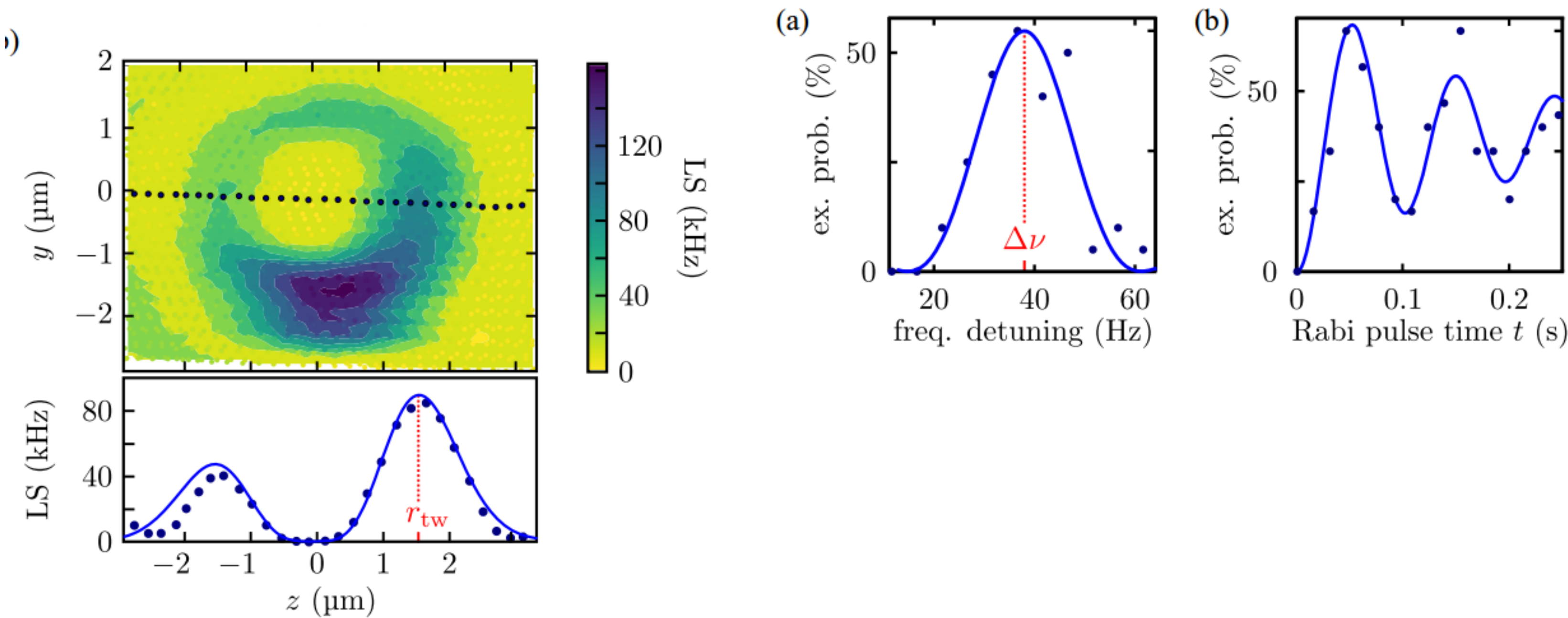
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$$\xi = \Omega^2 / \Delta \nu$$

$$\xi_{\text{tw}} = 135(5) \text{ Hz}$$

$$\xi_{\text{pl}} = 30.3(9) \text{ Hz}$$

$$\xi_{\text{tw}} / \xi_{\text{pl}} = 4.5(2).$$

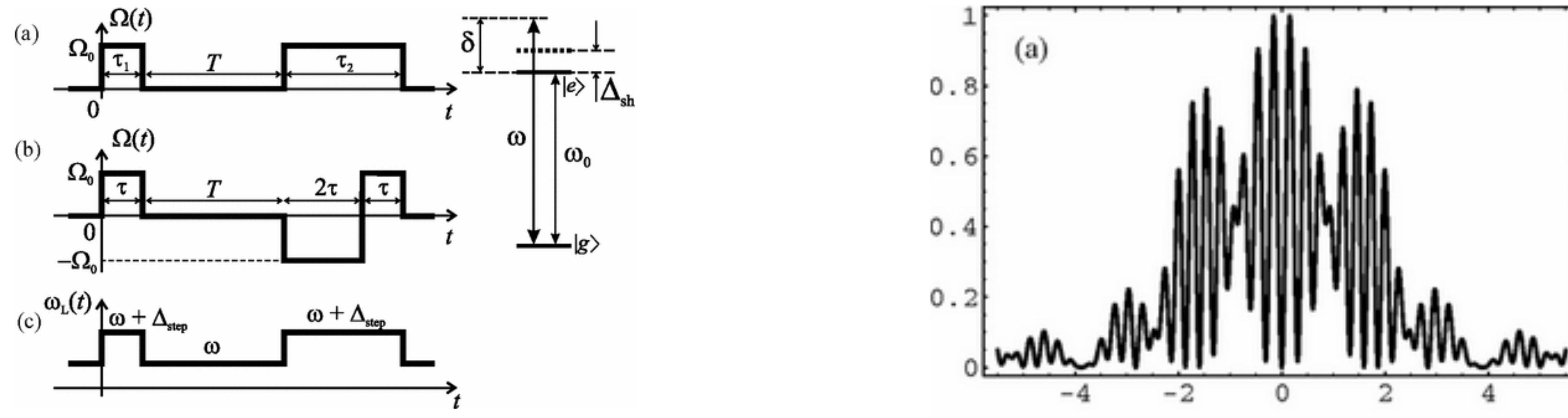
AC Stark Shift problems and applications

Problems for frequency standards

The devil's advocate: hyper-Ramsey and balanced-Ramsey spectroscopy

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Hyper-Ramsey spectroscopy of optical clock transitions

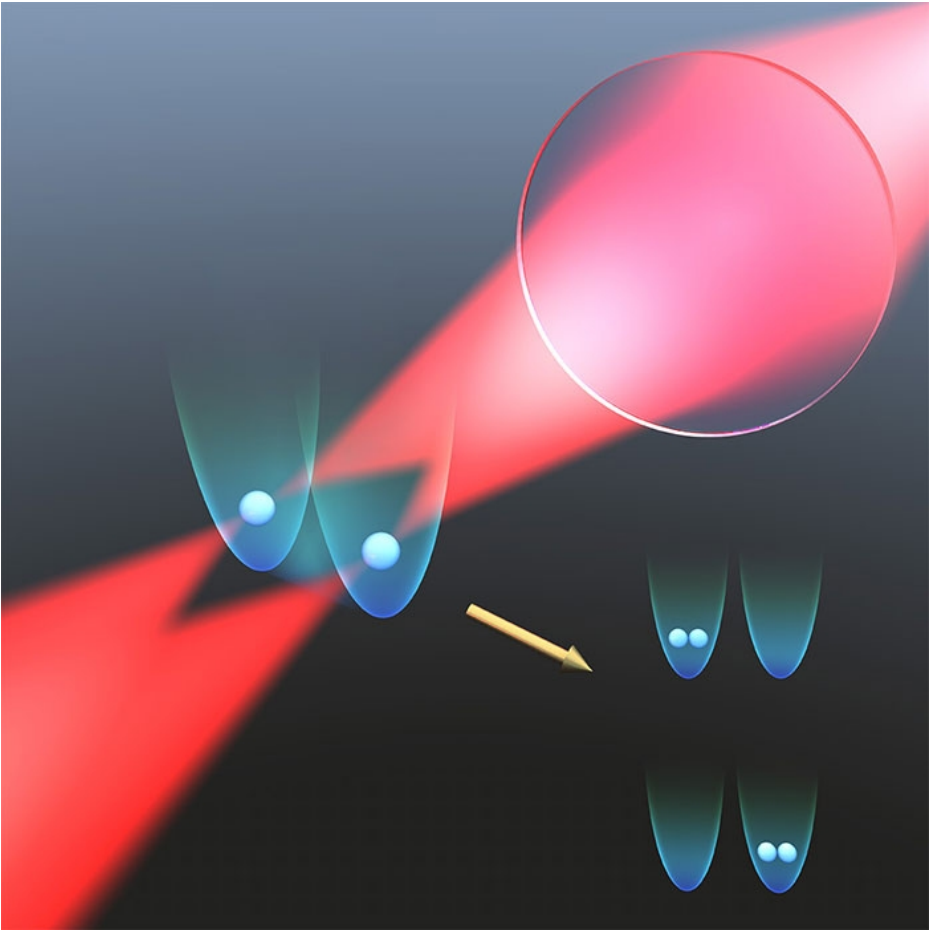


Suppression of AC stark Shift by 2-4 orders of magnitude

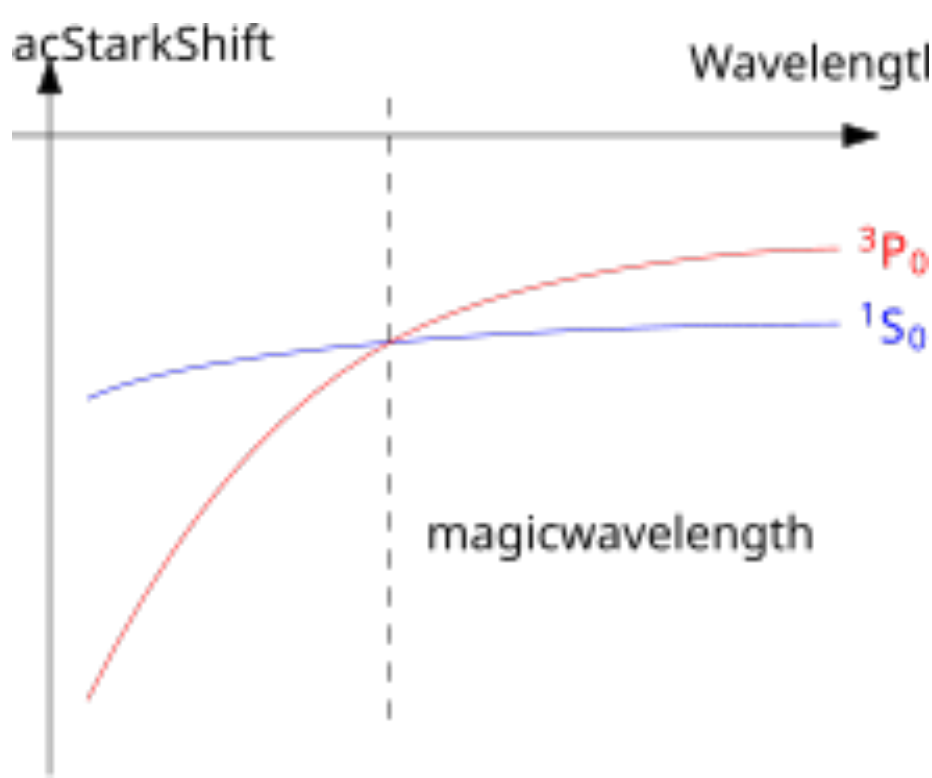
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Optical Tweezers and Magic Wavelength

Low and high field seekers $\delta > 0$ or $\delta < 0$

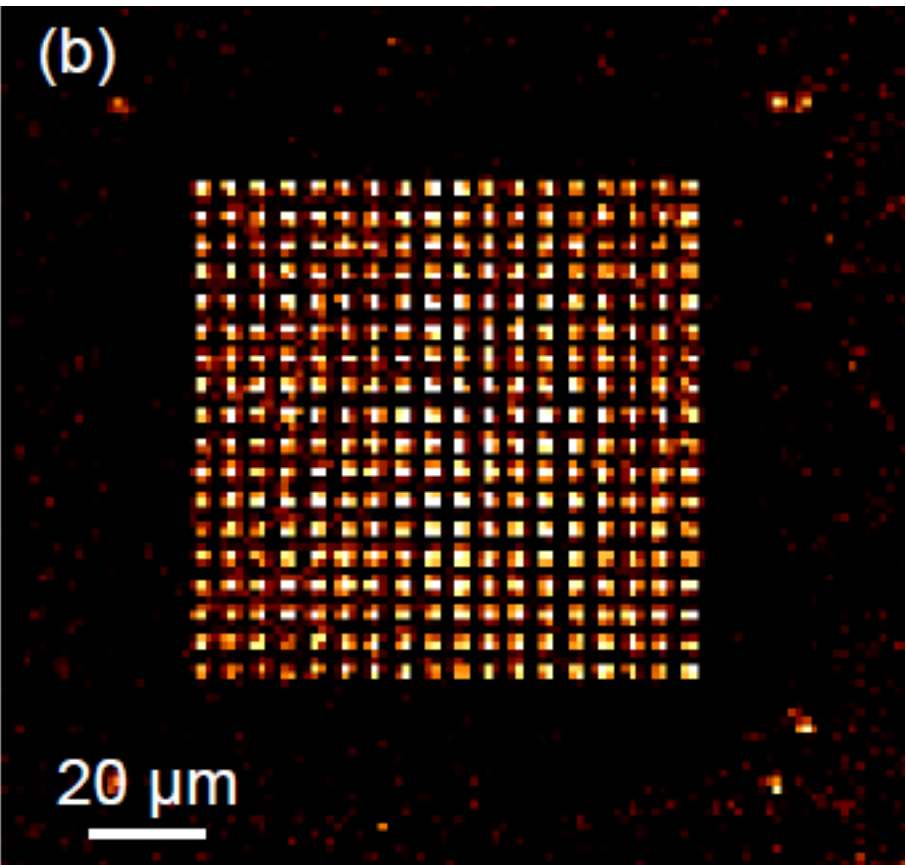
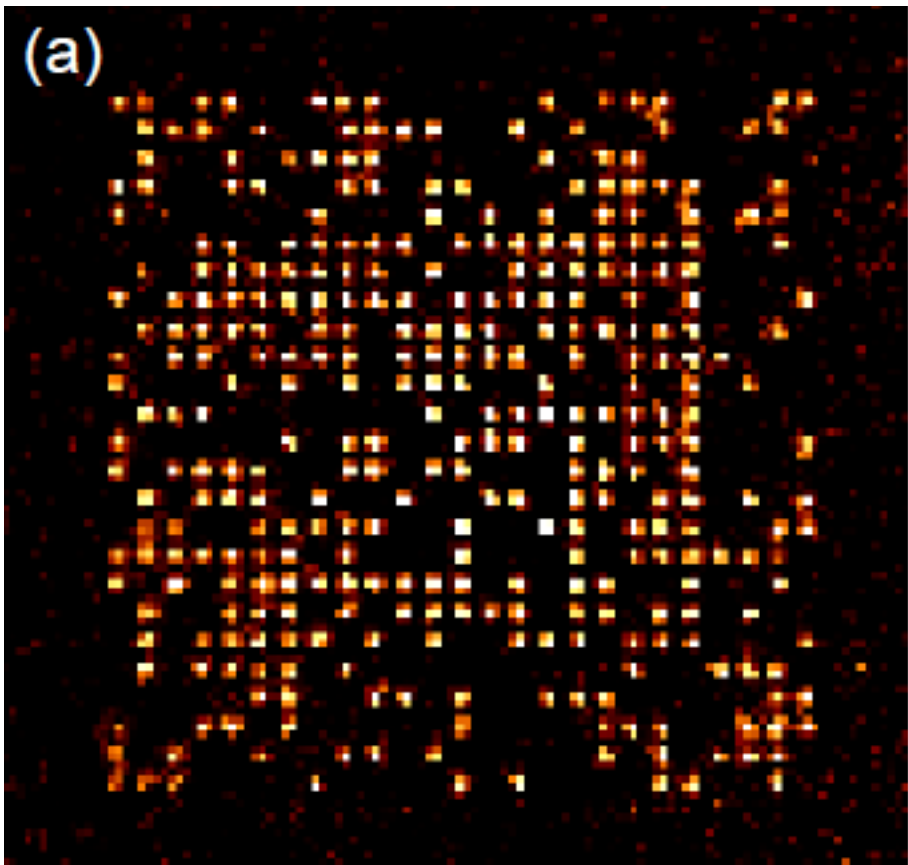


Magic Wavelength



Allows optical trapping,
leaving one (clock or qubit) transition undisturbed.

Atom arrays (record Quantum Volume by Lukin Group)



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Spin dependent forces.

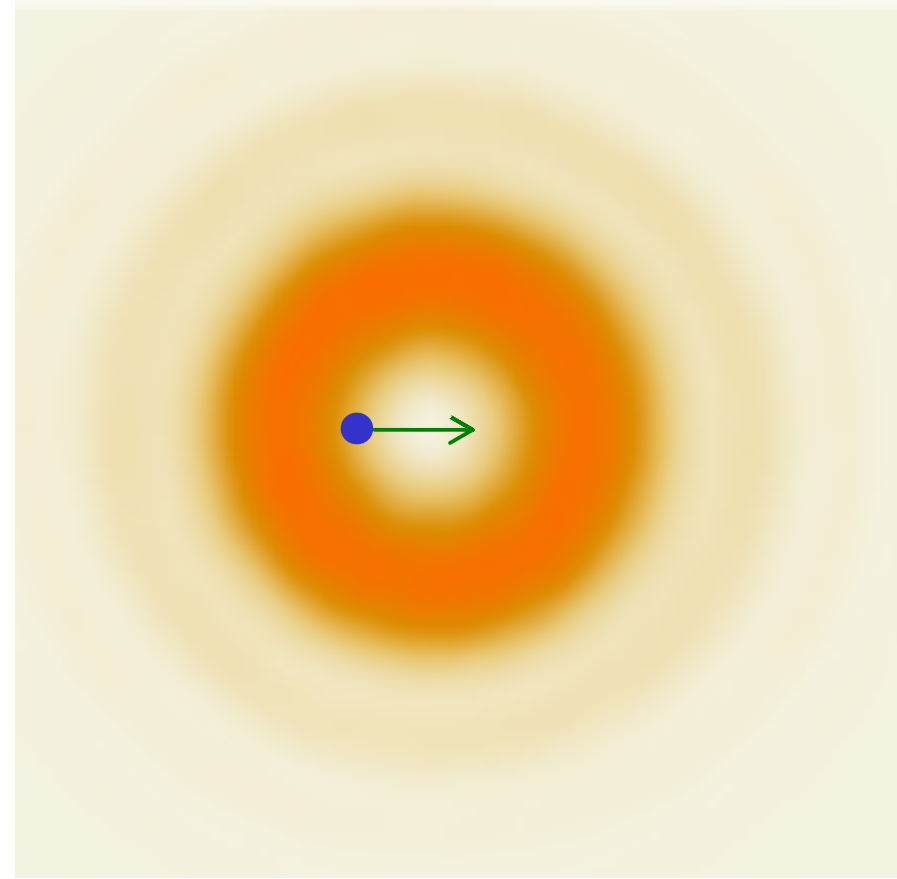
Standing Waves



Existing Applications

Gates between ions.
Generation of cat states.
Generation of squeezed states.
Spin dependent motional control of ions and atoms.

Structured Beams



Proposed Applications

Same, but without problems of phase stability!

Thank you for you attention.